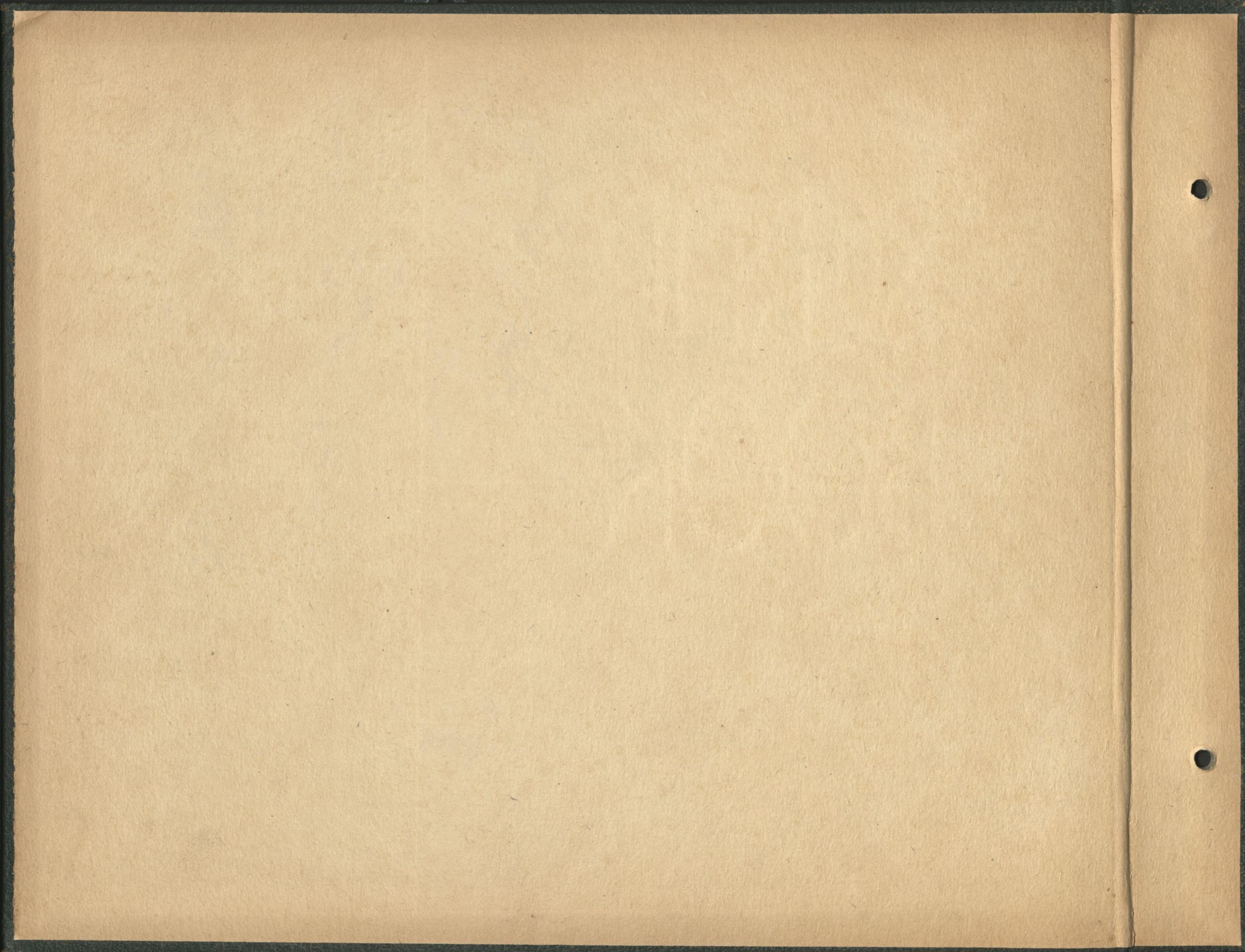
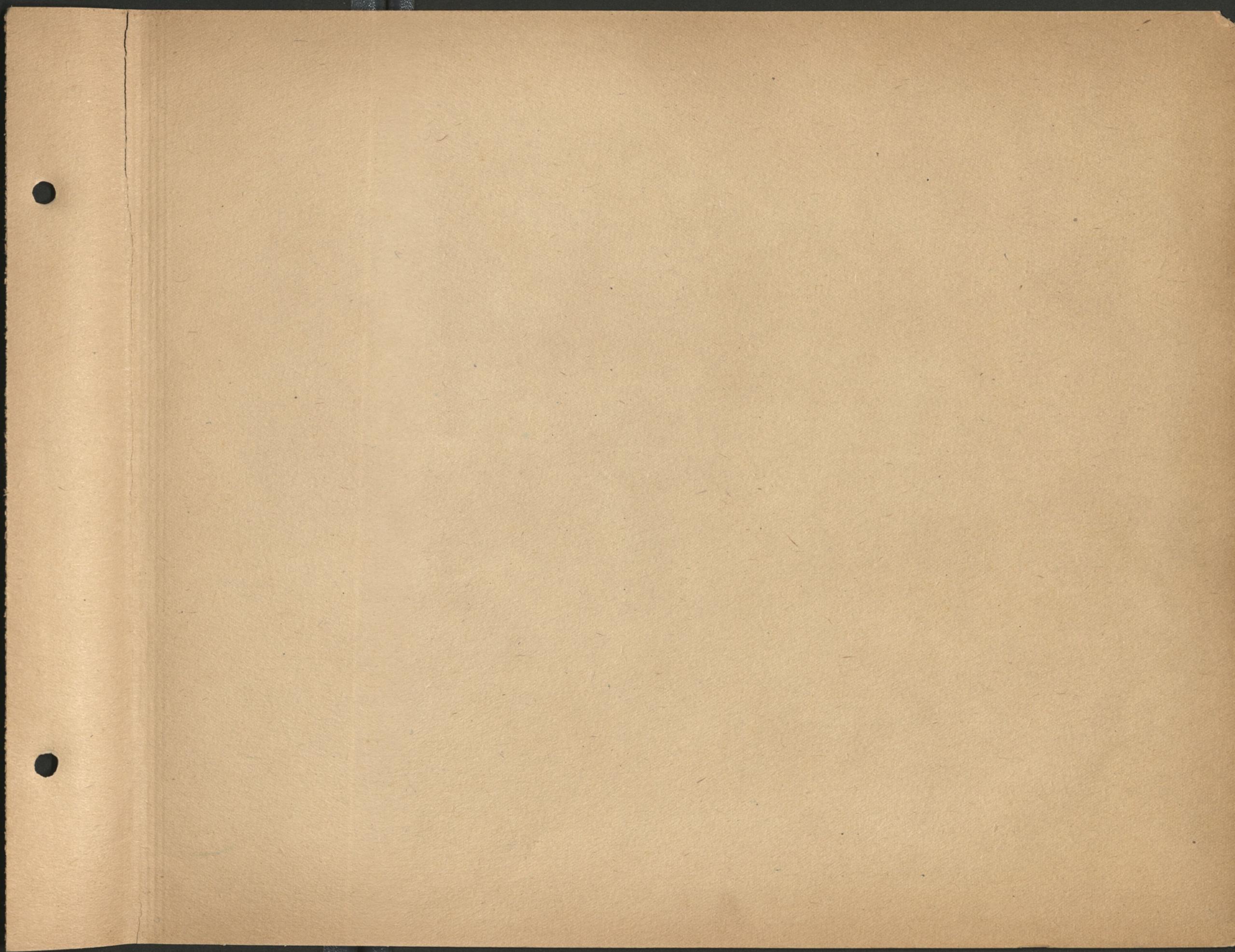


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### The "Neighbors."

"The Nantucket Neighbors" will start its summer activity in the near future. The first Tuesday meeting is to be on July 14th in the Unitarian Church at 8 o'clock. Watch the bulletin boards for news of "Neighbors" activity.

For the benefit of new-comers we might explain that "The Nantucket Neighbors" is an "organization of friendly people on Nantucket Island getting together in a community way for sociability and for programs enjoyable to all."

Everyone is welcome, and no admission is charged. It is sponsored by the Nantucket Civic League.

The secretary this summer will be Henry G. Swain.

July 4

## NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NANTUCKET CIVIC LEAGUE

### FIFTH SEASON

Dr. William O. Stevens: "Why I Liked Nantucket Enough to Write a Book About It."

Mr. R. Wilfred Coleman, Jr: "An Advertising Man Sees Nantucket."

Male Quartet

Whitman Pearson: "The Old Mill."

Unitarian Church, TUESDAY, July 14th

Free To All

Eight O'Clock

July 11

### ALL NEWCOMERS ON NANTUCKET

#### SHOULD AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

Under the Auspices of the Nantucket Civic League

A non-commercial, non-sectarian fellowship of friendly people on Nantucket Island, Mass., getting together in a community way for sociability, and for enjoyable programs FREE to all.

The office of the Neighbors is located at 63 Main Street, next to the Bank Building upstairs. A secretary is on hand part of the time to be of service to anybody.

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"This week in Nantucket"

### "Neighbors" Open Fifth Season at Unitarian, Tuesday Night.

The Nantucket Neighbors, under the auspices of the Nantucket Civic League, will be swinging into full activity this week for the fifth season. The first "Neighbors' Night" will be held Tuesday, July 14th, at 8 o'clock in the Unitarian Church. The program, as usual, is open to all, free to all. The speakers of the evening will be Dr. William O. Stevens and R. Wilfred Coleman, Jr.

Dr. Stevens is well known in Nantucket for his recently published book, "Nantucket, the Far-Away Island." Besides being an author and an artist (he illustrates his own books) he is an outstanding educator. He taught at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis for twenty-one years. Later he founded and has been headmaster of the Cranbrook School for boys near Detroit. Recently he published an article in the Saturday Evening Post on the English public school system.

We are entitling Dr. Steven's talk on Tuesday evening, "Why I Liked Nantucket Enough to Write a Book about it." He will be left free, however, to bring in any of the other subjects about which he can speak so interestingly.

The second speaker, R. Wilfred Coleman, Jr. will speak on the subject, "An Advertising Man Sees Nantucket." Mr. Coleman is connected with perhaps the largest advertising firm in the country, a firm which, as two of its specialities does the advertising for Maine and for Bermuda. It also has a special service in advertising advertising. Mr. Coleman has been in this business for seven years. He started on the day of the market crash. He was an apprentice in the production department and is now a copy writer.

In addition to the two main speakers, Whitman Pearson will talk briefly about the Old Mill. A male quartet consisting of David Morse, Henry Swain, Edward Morgan and Henry Morgan will sing.

Other Neighbor activities for the next week include a scup fishing party on Monday, July 13th, leaving Island Service wharf at 2 p. m. They say scup are biting well these days—big ones too. As only a limited number of persons can be taken, those interested will please make reservations early by notifying Henry Swain at the Civic League Headquarters, 65 Main street, telephone 1130. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per person to cover the cost of the boat and tackle and bait.

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Sailing parties have proved to be a popular feature in previous summers. It is hoped to continue them this year every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5. There will be one on Wednesday, July 15th. The charge will be 75 cents per person. Please make reservations in advance with the secretary at the Civic League Headquarters.

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Many people will remember the interesting nature walks conducted last summer by Miss Grace Wyatt of the Maria Mitchell Natural Science Department. They will be continued this year. The first one will be on Thursday, July 16th, starting from the Maria Mitchell Library on Vestal street at 3 p. m. Miss Wyatt will take the group to a spot within easy walking distance, where she will point out and discuss some of the plants and flowers of the island. In case of rain, Miss Wyatt will give a talk indoors.

Suggestions concerning the activities and programs of the Neighbors will be welcomed by the officers of the Civic League and by the secretary of the Neighbors. It is desired to make these programs enjoyable to all and to uphold the fine tradition which has been set by the Neighbors in the past four years.

July 11

## "Neighbors" Auspiciously Open The Fifth Season.

The opening evening which inaugurated the fifth season of the Nantucket "Neighbors" took place on Tuesday evening, at the Unitarian church, with a capacity audience on hand to make it a most auspicious beginning to the summer activities of this unique association.

Col. Louis J. Praeger, President of the Nantucket Civic League, which organization sponsored the "Neighbors" back in 1931, welcomed the gathering. He sketched the history of the "Neighbors" from its launching by the late Rev. Herbert Jump, and characterized it as "An organization of friendly people on Nantucket Island, getting together in a community way for sociability and for programs enjoyable for all."

Col. Praeger then asked for a show of hands as an indication of all those who were newcomers in the gathering. As a result of the request it was evident that at least one-third of the audience had not attended a meeting of the organization before. As new faces and new ideas are not only welcome but necessary to the continued well being of this friendly island fellowship, it was most gratifying to the sponsors to see such a large proportion of newcomers present.

The speaker of the evening—Dr. William O. Stevens—was introduced as a man who was exceptionally well qualified to speak on the subject "Why I Like Nantucket Enough to Write a Book About It."

"Most of you have seen his book," said Col. Praeger, "and have been impressed with its charm as much as I have. During the past winter I have attending meetings of the Winter Club, where the members speak on various subjects, and I have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Stevens speak on two occasions. I can only say it was a rare privilege, and I know that you are going to enjoy hearing him tonight."

The speaker of the evening arose and came forward amid the applause of the audience.

Dr. Stevens thanked Col. Praeger for his generous introduction, and then remarked, with a smile:

"You may have heard during the winter rumors of secession on the part of Nantucket, first from Massachusetts and then from Washington, D. C. In case this goes through," (there was considerable laughter at this point), "I am going to launch a campaign to make Col. Praeger king of the island."

The speaker then went on to explain what a benevolent despot Col. Praeger would make, stating that, to his knowledge, whenever a movement for the good of Nantucket had been launched, that gentleman was certain to be one of the chief workers.

Dr. Stevens' talk was on the subject "Why I Like Nantucket." As one who has been a summer visitor more than twenty years, who has recently purchased a home and established a year-round residence here, and who has just published a volume about the island, he is in as good a position as anyone to expound on such a subject.

Just as the quality of his book—"Nantucket, The Far-Away Island"—is filled with a pleasant detail of the attractions, both physical and mystical which this island holds for many, so were the speaker's remarks tinged with genuine feeling and sincere affection for a place which he has adopted for his home.

"I will only touch upon some of these things," he said, "you will have to fill in the rest for yourself—for it would take more than one evening to describe the varied appeal which the island holds for me. Why I could talk for fifteen minutes alone on the fine old doorways that are here."

Characterizing Nantucket as the "gem of all the islands," he described the appeal which lay in its winding streets and lanes, its sturdy, old houses and mansions, its colorful waterfront, its rolling commons and sandy beaches. He dwelt a bit on the romantic lure in its historic and far-flung history.

"One of the fortunate features of Nantucket," he said, "is that it repels those who do not appreciate the island—making those who have learned to love her the more grateful that such people are not around to detract from the natural charm of the town."

The speaker interspersed his remarks with droll comments that struck a responsive note in his audience. His observations on some of the wearing apparel displayed by the feminine vacationist during the summer brought forth hearty laughter, and when he said, in reference to the cobbles of Main street, "who touches a stone in yon road-bed—dies like a dog," the laughter was infectious.

"There are tens of thousands of summer resorts all over these United States," he said in conclusion, "but there is only one Nantucket."

It was truly fortunate that the "Neighbors" were able to secure Dr. Stevens as the first speaker for the new season. He not only gave his listeners a pleasant evening, but afforded many a glimpse of the man whose facile pen has written and illustrated a book that has become a valuable addition to the literature of Nantucket.

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During the evening, a quartet composed of David Morse, Henry G. Swain, Henry and Edward Morgan, sang a number of selections, all of which were well received.

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Col. Praeger then introduced Henry G. Swain, M. A., a young man with Nantucket ancestry on both sides, who is directing the activities of the Nantucket "Neighbors" this year as its Secretary.

Mr. Swain spoke of the weekly activities to come, a list of which is each day tacked on a bulletin board placed at the corner of Main and Orange streets. He expressed the hope that there would be as many in attendance at these "Friendly Afternoons" and sailing parties as last year, and extended a cordial invitation to everyone to join in the good times.

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Whitman Pearson, who is custodian of the Old Mill again this year, spoke on this historic structure. After giving a brief sketch of its history, from its erection in 1746 by Nathan Wilbur to the present day, he described the repairs which have been made to the Mill this spring, the introduction of new parts having made it possible to once again turn the top, so that the vanes may be brought into the wind blowing from any direction and so grind corn.

After describing the mechanism and the principle for grinding the corn, Mr. Pearson told of the debt incurred by the Historical Association, the owners, in putting the Mill in working order again, remarking that by the sale of the corn-meal it was hoped that a portion of this debt might be paid off. He invited those present to pay a visit to the Mill, where they may see the oldest structure of its kind in America once more busy at its original tasks.

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In a little pamphlet issued last year by "The Neighbors" the following good description of the movement was given:

"The Neighbors" are an informal, non-commercial fellowship of people who love Nantucket, want to know more about her, and desire to get acquainted with like-minded folk whom otherwise they might never know.

A "Neighbors' Night" will be observed every Tuesday evening in places to be announced on the Neighbors' Bulletins. Everyone is invited, permanent residents, summer residents, temporary visitors from all parts of the island. Short talks about Nantucket and by Nantucket lovers will be supplemented by community singing, musical features contributed by generous talent. Above all, an opportunity to make friends with people interested in the things you are interested in. Universal self-introductions are in order.

The "friendly afternoons," picnics, special forums and other events will happen as desired. The one goal is friendliness. No invitation necessary to attend any event; merely come if you want to. No admission fees, and no refreshments. The organization is grateful to anyone who will offer their home for a "friendly afternoon" program.

The office of the Neighbors is located on Main street, next to the Bank building, upstairs. A secretary is on hand part of the time to be of any service to anybody. The Nantucket Civic League sponsors the "Neighbors" and commends it as the only organization in the world of its kind. Bulletins of information appear in the local newspaper and on specified bulletin boards about the island.

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The organization, in the season of 1935 held 75 gatherings, with a total attendance of nearly 6,000. All of the speakers, musicians and assisting members gave their services free of charge. From the interest manifested at the launching of its fifth season this year should provide another of the enjoyable series of this popular civic society.

### NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

All comers, new and old, to Nantucket Island are cordially invited to attend the activities of the Nantucket Neighbors, sponsored by the Nantucket Civic League. This organization is a non-commercial fellowship promoting various types of programs for the enjoyment of all and free to all.

There will be a "Neighbors Night" every Tuesday evening offering speakers and music. In addition there will be "Friendly Afternoons," sailing parties, nature walks, and other events.

The program of Neighbors meetings will be found in "This Week in Nantucket" and on the civic League bulletin boards. Headquarters are at 65 Main Street. Please feel free to drop in there with inquiries or suggestions. Henry G. Swain, Secretary.

## "The Neighbors"

Next Tuesday night the Nantucket Neighbors, under the auspices of the Civic League, will meet in the Methodist Church at 8 o'clock. The program promises to be of great interest to all, and as always is open to the public.

Mrs. Ida White Parker, Executive Director of the National Plant, Flower, and Fruit Guild, will talk for the Nantucket branch on the endeavors of the Guild. The National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild is an organization devoted to beautifying the outlying lands, removing objectionable and disturbing deposits, planting trees, and protecting the wild flowers.

There will be also a dialogue between Miss Grace Wyatt, of the Maria Mitchell Natural Science Department and Bassett Jones. They will discuss the conservation of rare wild flowers of the island. Both these people are well-known to all Nantucketers. A lively discussion can be anticipated.

As an added high point on Tuesday's program Mr. Neal O'Hara is going to speak briefly. The mention of Mr. O'Hara's name is all that is needed to assure some highly entertaining moments.

For music on this program there will be solos by Mrs. Eleanor True, soprano, and by David Morse, tenor.

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The other events of the next week indicate a busy time for the Neighbors. This Saturday, July 18, there will be a "bicycle hike" to Cisco, starting at 2 o'clock from the Civic League Headquarters. Come and join the fun. Everybody is welcome. Those renting bicycles should make reservations for them at the bicycle shops. There will be an opportunity to obtain cold drinks and sandwiches at Cisco.

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A meeting of all those interested in cameras and photography will be held on Sunday, July 19, at 3 o'clock, in the Civic League Headquarters, 65 Main street (next to the Bank.) It is hoped that the camera club of last summer may be continued. For further information see Mr. Stokoe in the Piviroto Studio.

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There will be a picnic late this Sunday afternoon, July 19, at Tom Nevers Head. Everybody is welcome. Bring your own box supper and join the party. It would be appreciated if people who have extra room in their cars would meet at the Civic League Headquarters at 5 o'clock to pick up others who need transportation.

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On Monday afternoon, July 20, at 2 o'clock, there will be a scup fishing party. The number is limited so sign up early at Civic League Headquarters. A charge of one dollar per person covers cost of boat, tackle, and bait.

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The Island Singers will meet for the first time on Monday, July 20, at 7:30 p. m., in the Unitarian Church. Roy Williams Steele will again be conducting. All persons who enjoy singing are welcome.

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The regular Wednesday sailing party will start at 2 p. m., as usual, on the 22nd. Sign up early at Civic League Headquarters. There have been two of these sailing parties, one on the 10th and the other on the 15th. The latter one was so popular that all those desiring to go could not be accommodated. An extra sailing party was arranged for the following Friday, the 17th, to take the overflow. There will be sails regularly every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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There will be another nature walk conducted by Miss Grace Wyatt, next Thursday, July 23. Meet at the Maria Mitchell Observatory at 3 o'clock. Watch the Civic League bulletin boards for further details.

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On Friday afternoon, July 24th, there will be a "Friendly Afternoon" for those interested in sketching. It is hoped to form a sketch club which will have sketching parties, probably accompanied by well-known artists.

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The attention of all is called to the bulletin boards in front of the Post Office, on Main street at the foot of Orange street, and in front of the Headquarters. Watch these boards for the latest information on Neighbors' events. For further information telephone 1130, or see Henry Swain.

# NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NANTUCKET CIVIC LEAGUE

**MRS. IDA WHITE PARKER**

Executive Director of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild

**MR. NEAL O'HARA, Humorist**

**MISS GRACE WYATT and MR. BASSETT JONES**

Dialogue on the Conservation of Rare Wild Flowers of the Island

**Mrs. Eleanor True, Soprano**

**Mr. David Morse, Tenor**

**METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY, JULY 21st**

Free To All

Eight O'Clock

July 18

### NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

The Nantucket Neighbors under the auspices of the Nantucket Civic League extends a cordial welcome to all comers to Nantucket. This organization is a non-commercial fellowship promoting various types of programs for the enjoyment of all and free to all.

There is a "Neighbors Night" every Tuesday evening offering speakers and music. In addition there are "Friendly Afternoons," sailing parties, picnics, bicycle hikes, nature walks, and other events.

This Tuesday's program will be of particular interest to all lovers of plants and flowers. See the details in the daily events (page 12).

The announcements of Neighbors events will be found in "THIS WEEK IN NANTUCKET" and on the Civic League bulletin boards on Main Street and in front of the post office. Headquarters are at 65 Main Street, telephone 1130. Please feel free to drop in there with inquiries or suggestions.

Henry G. Swain, Secretary.

July 18

## "The Neighbors"

Another large audience turned out last Tuesday evening for the second meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors, which was held in the Methodist Church. Colonel Louis J. Praeger, who is now president emeritus of the Nantucket Civic League, opened the meeting at eight o'clock and immediately turned it over to the new president of the Civic League, W. L. Mather.

Mr. Mather then introduced the chairman of the evening, Dr. Charles Congdon, vice-president of the Nantucket branch of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild. Dr. Congdon explained briefly how a need had been felt for a branch of this Guild here and how such a branch had recently been formed. He then introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mrs. Ida White Parker, executive secretary of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild.

Mrs. Parker gave the audience a very interesting and thorough discussion of the activities of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild, from the time it was founded in 1893 by Mrs. John Woods Stewart. Her first purpose was to give flowers to the flowerless in the slums of New York. From this the program of the Guild was gradually enlarged until the time of the war.

At the outbreak of the war, Mrs. Stewart turned to sending food to France for which work she was given the cross of the Legion of Honor. After the war the Guild helped to rehabilitate the desolated villages of France by sending fruit trees and bushes, flowers and seeds and supervised their care until 1923. The Guild also assisted in reforesting England and France.

After this period the Guild was reorganized on a larger basis. There are now seventy branches of the Guild all over this country, each carrying on its own program suitable to its local needs.

The Guild is built upon four pillars: (1) Conservation—conserving wild flowers and trees; (2) Education—teaching people the value of flowers; (3) Beautification—beautifying the communities; (4) Recreation—helping people who have lost their morale or who are ill to enjoy plant life.

Mrs. Parker then enumerated some of the things that the various branches have been doing in the way of beautification. These activities included planting roses along the roads leading into a city, cleaning up and planting unsightly spots that had been neglected and allowed to become dumping grounds, awarding prizes for improved appearances of filling stations, maintaining bird and wild flower sanctuaries, improving slum sections.

The second speaker of the evening was Neal O'Hara, well-known humorist and columnist. Mr. O'Hara gave the audience ten minutes of his most entertaining talk, raising many a laugh and keeping his listeners in a jolly mood.

Mrs. Eleanor True next sang three selections which were well received. Mrs. E. P. Crocker accompanied her at the organ.

The program was concluded with a dialogue between Miss Grace Wyatt of the Maria Mitchell Natural Science Department and Mr. Bassett Jones, who needs no introduction to Nantucket audiences. Their subject was the Conservation of Rare Wild Flowers of the Island.

In reply to Mr. Jones' question as to what wild flowers of the island need to be protected, Miss Wyatt spoke of some of the flowers that are being threatened with extinction here. These include the wood lily, the turk's-cap, marsh rosemary, trailing arbutus, marsh mallow, cardinal flower, and others. She urged everyone to resist the temptation to pick these flowers and to enjoy them in their natural settings without destroying them.

The question of how the public is to be taught to recognize these rare flowers was a difficult one. One method of education is examination of the daily and the annual wild flower exhibits of the Maria Mitchell Association.

Mr. Jones discussed the recent invasion of the young trees of the island by a rodent called the pine mouse. These mice eat the roots and bark of trees and cause a great deal of damage. It is not known what brought them here. They are found in only one other place in the east. An attempt is being made to exterminate them, but they are spreading and threaten many pines in the next few years.

At the close of the meeting, Henry Swain, the secretary of the Nantucket Neighbors, gave the announcement of the events for the coming week. At the same time Mr. Swain introduced Miss Edwina Stanton Babcock, who extended a cordial invitation to all those playing orchestral instruments to come and play with the "Study Players", a very informal group which meets from time to time to make music for its own enjoyment. Those interested should communicate with Mrs. E. P. Crocker, telephone 961-M.

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#### Coming Evnts. \

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors will be in the North Vestry at eight o'clock. At that time Mr. George Fawcett, well-known stage and screen actor, will give some of his reminiscences.

For music on this program there will be a new combination. Dorothy Bertelsen, violinist, and Marilyn Anderson, piano-accordionist, will play. These young girls will be in costume for their performance.

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The other speaker on the program will be Percival Chubb, formerly president of the Drama League of America. Mr. Chubb will speak on the "Promotion of Leisure Activities." He has been particularly interested in the music of the W. P. A. in St. Louis. He was chairman of the local committee in this work. He has done much public work in promoting drama and music, particularly in folk festivals. Mr. Chubb will give an opportunity for discussion after his talk.

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On Sunday, July 26, there will be a novel Neighbors' event, a late picnic at Sankaty Light. Bring your own box supper and meet at the Civic

League Headquarters at 7.00 o'clock. Those with extra space in their cars will please be there to help transport those without cars. People arriving at the light before eight o'clock will be able to go up in the lighthouse. The picnic will be held on the bluff at sunset and it will be possible to watch the beacon light up and then after dark enjoy the magnificent effect of the rotating ray. Mr. Larsen, the keeper of the lighthouse, will be on hand to answer questions.

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This Saturday, July 25, there will be a bicycle party riding to 'Sconset. The cyclists will meet at the Civic League Headquarters 65 Main street, at 2.30 p. m.

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There will be another Nature Walk next Thursday, July 30th, conducted by Miss Grace Wyatt of the Maria Mitchell Natural Science Department. Meet at 3.00 o'clock at the Maria Mitchell Library on Vestal street. Those with cars will kindly assist in transporting others without cars to the starting point of the walk. The first two nature walks of this season, one in the territory west of the town and one in Saul's Hills, were well attended and much interest was expressed in Miss Wyatt's discussion of the plant and flowers. Next week's walk will be out Madaket way.

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There will be a meeting of the Camera Club next Friday at 8.00 o'clock in the Maria Mitchell Library. It is hoped that an exhibition of photography may be arranged later in the season.

July 25

# NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NANTUCKET CIVIC LEAGUE

Mr. George Fawcett, Reminiscences

Mr. Percival Chubb, Promotion of Leisure Activities

Dorothy Bertelsen, Violin

Marilyn Anderson, Piano-Accordian

North Vestry, Congregational Church

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 28th

Free To All

Eight O'Clock

July 25

Nantucket Island Official Weekly Guide—"THIS WEEK IN NANTUCKET"

## WITH THE VACATIONIST

By ISAAC HILLS, 3RD

The "Nantucket Neighbors," which in Florida would be called a "Tourist's Club" is very active this season, and as it grows in age, so it grows in popularity.

Neighbors Headquarters with the Nantucket Civic League, and something going on every minute.

Take Sunday the nineteenth, as past, and conclusive, as a days program.

3:00 P. M. meeting of the Neighbors Camera Club at Civic League headquarters. 5:00 P. M. Neighbor's picnic at Tom Nevers Head, and these last are a lot of fun. Of course these beach parties last as far into the night as you wish to stay, and include swimming, and this and that as well as eating.

On Monday, there was a neighbors "Fishing party at Two," and at 7:30 they were invited to the "Island Singers" meeting at the Unitarian Church.

At 8:00 P. M. on Tuesday, there was a general meeting at the Methodist Church.

On Wednesday there was a sailing party, and a good time was had by all. On the sailing parties, get your name in early, because the boats are limited as to capacity, and sometimes the late comers get left.

In other words, there is something doing at the Neighbors all the time and it will pay you well to get acquainted with the organization.

July 27

## "The Neighbors"

The attendance at the meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors last Tuesday night, July 28, was so great that it was necessary to change the place of the meeting from the North Vestry to the church auditorium of the Congregational Church. The continued large attendance at these "Neighbors' Nights" is an indication that the work done by the Nantucket Civic League in sponsoring the Nantucket Neighbors is being greatly appreciated by the people on the island.

The meeting was opened by W. L. Mather, president of the Nantucket Civic League. Mr. Mather introduced the first speaker, George Fawcett, well-known stage and screen actor, as "dean of the Nantucket Art Colony".

Mr. Fawcett spoke very entertainingly, giving some reminiscences of the early part of his career. He spoke of how he became connected with the stage and of some of the incidents connected with his amazing progress. His description of the people in the actors' boarding house was very amusing. The bright anecdotes interspersed through his talk raised many a laugh. The hearty applause for Mr. Fawcett's talk showed how much the audience appreciated the opportunity of hearing this famous character.

The audience then heard three musical numbers by Dorothy Bertelsen and Marilyn Anderson, who played violin and piano-accordion, respectively. The girls were dressed in costumes of overalls and bright bandanas and made an attractive picture as they played. Two Norwegian waltzes which they played were particularly well liked by the audience.

The other speaker of the evening was Percival Chubb, formerly president of the Drama League of America, who spoke on "Promotion of Leisure Activities". Mr. Chubb is now president of the American Ethical Union and is president emeritus of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, in which city much of his activity has been.

At the start of his talk Mr. Chubb spoke highly of having read the "Platform of the Nantucket Neighbors". He highly approved of it and expressed a wish that some of the planks in the platform were more widely used throughout the country and that we could have such neighborliness in the whole nation.

In concluding, Mr. Chubb spoke of the good work of the Nantucket Neighbors along the lines of which he had been speaking, and said he was greatly encouraged by the activity of this sort all over the country.

At the close of the meeting the secretary, Henry Swain, announced the events for the coming week. Again there was a great variety of activity planned with at least one event every day.

The meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors next Tuesday evening, August 4th, will be held in the 'Sconset Casino at eight o'clock. At that time the Neighbors will hear an interesting and varied program.

General Malvern-Hill Barnum, who might be called the "host of 'Sconset", will say a few words of greeting. Then there will be a talk by Hugh K. MacDougall on his experiences in China. Mr. MacDougall was stationed for four years with the American troops in China as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. He later spent three years in the Philippines and is now with the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. at Newport.

Of great interest on this program will be a discussion and demonstration by Frank Kitchens of the development of the dance. Mr. Kitchens is with Camp Nickanoose as a dancing instructor.

There will be a short talk by Clinton T. Macy about the Jethro Coffin House, Nantucket's oldest house, which is celebrating its 250th anniversary year. Mr. Macy will extend a special invitation to the Nantucket Neighbors to attend "open house" at the Jethro Coffin house on Wednesday, August 5th. The music at the 'Sconset Neighbors' Night will be given by a vocal sextet.

August 1

Events of the Week.

Neighbors' sailing parties are still filling up all the boats available. Four boats were out last Wednesday afternoon. There will be a sail this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and another one next Wednesday at the same time. Those desiring to go on the sails should sign up in advance at the Civic League Headquarters, 65 Main street, telephone 1130.

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This Sunday, August 2, there will be a picnic on Mill Hill at 6.30 o'clock. There will be corn bread and corn muffins on sale, made from meal ground in the Old Mill. Those intending to be at the picnic will please leave their names at the Civic League Headquarters. Everybody is welcome.

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On Monday morning, August 3, there will be a bicycle trip to Madaket to watch the breeches-buoy drill at the Coast Guard Station. Bicyclists will meet at 9 o'clock at the Civic League Headquarters. The drill will be at 10 o'clock. Those not caring to bicycle, but desiring to see the drill may drive out at that time and will be welcome.

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Everyone interested in sketching with a group is urged to join the Sketch Club which goes out Tuesday mornings at 9 o'clock and Friday afternoons at 2 o'clock, starting from the League Headquarters.

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Next Thursday afternoon, August 6th, there will be the annual Neighbors' tour of the Hidden Forest. David Gray has very kindly given his permission for the Neighbors to inspect his interesting property. Miss Wyatt will again conduct the tour. Meet at Mr. Gray's studio at the entrance to the Hidden Forest in Polpis at 3.30. Those needing transportation and those having extra space in their cars will please meet at the Civic League Headquarters at 3 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

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The Nantucket Singers, under the direction of Roy Williams Steele, are meeting regularly Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30 in the vestry of the Unitarian church. Everyone who likes to sing is welcome. At present there are needed about fifteen more women and twenty more men.

# NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

Under the Auspices of the Nantucket Civic League

## Tuesday, August 4th

At the 'Sconset Casino

Mr. Hugh K. MacDougall, "Experiences in China."

Mr. Frank Kitchens, "Story of the Dance."  
(with demonstrations.)

General Malvern-Hill Barnum

Mr. Clinton Macy, "The Oldest House."  
Vocal Sextet

Free to All.

Eight O'Clock p. m.

August 1

### NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

All comers to Nantucket are cordially invited to attend the activities of the Nantucket Neighbors under the auspices of the Nantucket Civic League. This organization is a non-commercial fellowship promoting various types of programs for the enjoyment of all and free to all.

There is a "Neighbors' Night" every Tuesday evening offering speakers and music. The meeting this Tuesday will be at the 'Sconset Casino in 'Sconset. See page 12 for details of the program.

In addition to the "Neighbors' Nights" there are "Friendly Afternoons," sailing parties, nature walks, picnics, and other events. For those who like to sing we have the Nantucket Island Singers under the direction of Roy Williams Steele. We have also a sketch club and a camera club.

The announcements of Neighbors events will be found in "This Week in Nantucket" and on the Civic League bulletin boards on Main St. and in front of the post office. Headquarters are at 65 Main St., telephone 1130. Henry G. Swain, Secretary.

August 1

## "The Neighbors"

Last Tuesday's meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors, under the auspices of the Nantucket Civic League, was held in the 'Sconset Casino, where there was a capacity audience. Many of those present remarked that it was one of the best Neighbors' programs of the season.

W. A. Mather, president of the Civic League, again presided. He first introduced General Malvern-Hill Barnum, who welcomed the Neighbors to 'Sconset and to the Casino. General Barnum has been coming to 'Sconset, whenever his military service allowed him to, for sixty years, and since his retirement he always spends his summers there.

He spoke of the early days of 'Sconset, when Codfish Park below the bluff was only fish-houses and bath-houses. After his interesting recollections of old-time 'Sconset, General Barnum spoke of the remarkable spirit that prevails among people who know Nantucket, and said the Nantucket Neighbors were doing much to foster that spirit.

After General Barnum's words of greeting, Clinton T. Macy was introduced. Mr. Macy told the Neighbors about Nantucket's oldest house, the Jethro Coffin House, which this year is celebrating its 250th anniversary.

Mr. Macy spoke of one or two of the legends connected with the Jethro Coffin House and concluded by extending an invitation to the Neighbors to attend the "open house" birthday party on Wednesday, August 5th, at which time the Oldest House was open, admission free, in commemoration of its 250th anniversary.

Mr. Mather called on Henry Swain to introduce the vocal sextet which came next on the program. The members of the sextet were Mrs. Marion Folger and Mrs. Norbert Lachmann, sopranos; Miss Cynthia Jump and Miss Lili Huebscher, altos; J. Francis Burrowes, tenor; and Henry Swain, bass. Mrs. E. P. Crocker accompanied them at the piano.

The last speaker of the evening was Hugh K. MacDougall, who spoke of his experiences in China as a Y.M.C.A. secretary with American troops. Mr. MacDougall touched on many of the interesting customs and sights that one sees in the cities of China. He spoke particularly of the servants with their peculiar code and how faithful and willing they are if their code is conformed to. In speaking of the difficulty of picking up Chinese words Mr. MacDougall told how the same word pronounced in three different tones means eggs, flags or checkers.

He told about the streets in the Chinese cities—each street being given over to a certain trade, with wretched open shops where beautiful hand work is done. The people seen on the streets are still picturesque—many bearded old men with a birdcage in one hand and a grandson in the other—peddlers each with his characteristic way of announcing his wares. Elaborate funeral processions all in white or all in green, according to the city, and wedding processions in red make spectacular passages through the streets.

Among the other things of interest that Mr. MacDougall spoke of were the percentage or "squeeze" that all the servants insist on having on every business transaction in the house, no matter how small; the fishing villages, and the remarkable spread of airplane travel in China resulting from the lack of good railroads and highways.

The final feature on the program was particularly unique. Frank Kitchens, dancing instructor of Camp Nickanoose, gave a description of the growth of tap dancing, illustrating the various steps as he went along. At the end of his talk he went through a complete dance which brought a good burst of applause from the audience.

With the announcement of the coming events of the Neighbors by the secretary, Henry Swain, the meeting was closed.

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The various Neighbors' events of the past week were well attended. The picnic on Mill Hill last Sunday evening was greatly enjoyed and the corn muffins which were on sale disappeared very quickly. Monday morning a large crowd went out to Madaket to watch the breeches-buoy drill at the Coast Guard station. On Wednesday again more people wanted to go sailing than could be accommodated. That same afternoon the Jethro Coffin house was open to the Neighbors.

### \* \* \* \* \* Coming Events.

Next week's program on Tuesday, August 11th, will be held in the Baptist church at eight o'clock. Frederick P. Hill, of 'Sconset, will talk on the subject, "Suitable Types of Architecture for Nantucket".

The other speaker on the program will be Ernest Pilman, manager of the Western Union offices in Nantucket and 'Sconset. Mr. Pilman will give a short history of the telegraph service on Nantucket from the early days of the wig-wag from Woods Hole through the various experiments and difficulties with cables.

A lighter note will be given to the program by Peter Boshco, singing humorous songs, with Ray Boshco playing the piano-accordion.

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The Nantucket Island Singers are approaching within a few weeks of their second annual concert. The rehearsals are being held every Monday and Friday evening at 7.30 in the Unitarian Church. More singers are still needed. Everyone who likes to sing is welcome.

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There will be a nature walk on Thursday, August 13, conducted by Miss Grace Wyatt of the Maria Mitchell Natural Science Department. Meet at three o'clock at the Library on Vestal street. If you have a car, please bring it to help transport the folks to the starting point of the walk.

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Next Tuesday morning, August 11, the Neighbors are invited to attend the life-boat drill at the Madaket Coast Guard station. The drill will be at 10 o'clock.

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The evening of the Camera Club meetings has been changed to Thursday. The time is eight o'clock and the place is the Maria Mitchell Library. If you are interested in cameras, come to these meetings and join their discussions.

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The Sketch Club will start as usual from the Civic League Headquarters at 9 a. m. on Tuesday and 2 p. m. on Friday. It is open to anyone who likes to sketch with a group.

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There will be another special Neighbors' sailing party this Saturday afternoon and the regular one next Wednesday afternoon.

August 8

# NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

Under the Auspices of the Nantucket Civic League

TUESDAY, August 11th in the BAPTIST CHURCH

FREDERICK P. HILL

"Suitable Types of Architecture for Nantucket"

PETER and RAY BOSHCO

Humorous Songs with Piano-Accordian

ERNEST PILMAN

"Short History of Telegraph Service on Nantucket"

Free to All.

Eight O'Clock p. m.

August 8

## Civic League Concert.

The Nantucket Island Singers will appear in their second annual concert on Friday, August 28th, in the Methodist Church auditorium. They are being presented by the Nantucket Civic League for the benefit of the "Nantucket Neighbors".

Roy Williams Steele is again directing the chorus and Mrs. Clifford B. Ewart is accompanying the singers. Assisting the chorus will be Arlie Furman violinist; Alice King, contralto; Marion Folger, soprano; and Elizabeth Iachman, soprano.

The Civic League is particularly fortunate in the distinguished guest artists it has obtained to perform on this program. Robert O'Connor, the famous concert pianist, who played in last year's concert given by the Civic League, has very kindly consented to perform again this year. Those who have heard him play know what a treat is in store for the listeners. There will be duets by Anita Wick, soprano, and Stewart Davis, baritone, whose program for the Nantucket Cottage Hospital this summer was so popularly received.

Tickets for this concert will be on sale at the Civic League Headquarters, 65 Main street. The Civic League will appreciate it if those who have enjoyed programs of the Nantucket Neighbors will show their interest by attending the concert.

## "The Neighbors"

Last Tuesday's meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors, held in the Baptist Church, was again well attended. William L. Mather, president of the Nantucket Civic League, which organization sponsors the Nantucket Neighbors, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock.

The first speaker was Ernest Pilman, manager of the Western Union offices in Nantucket and Sconset. Mr. Pilman gave a brief and very interesting description of the development of the telegraph service on Nantucket. He spoke of the early semaphore system that was established in 1840. There were semaphores at Woods Hole, at two points on Martha's Vineyard, on Tuckernuck Island, and on the cliff just outside of Nantucket. Messages were relayed to Nantucket from the mainland by means of these. This system, however, lasted but a short time.

The first cable to Nantucket was laid in 1856 when the U. S. government wanted to establish a weather bureau station on the island. This cable was merely a single, bare, iron wire laid from Monomoy Point to Great Point. After carrying not more than fifteen or twenty messages, the wire broke and has never since been used.

Mr. Pilman continued with the story of how a government cable was finally established, a private telegraph company arose on Martha's Vineyard, and finally Western Union took over the whole system. It is interesting to know that at present with the single copper wire to the mainland it is possible to carry on three operations at once without interference. They can send a message, receive a message, and receive stock ticker signals directly from the New York Stock Exchange.

After Mr. Pilman's talk Miss Margaret Harwood, president of the Coffin School Association, gave a short history of the Sir Isaac Coffin School and extended an invitation to the Nantucket Neighbors to attend the Coffin School Garden Day which was held this week.

The music for the evening was furnished by Peter and Ray Boshco, who made a very amusing and entertaining team. Ray Boshco played two lively numbers on the piano-accordion. Then the other half of the team joined him and rendered two comical songs which brought a storm of applause from the audience.

The main speaker of the evening was Frederick P. Hill, of Sconset, who is well known for his work in architecture. Mr. Hill spoke on the subject "Suitable Types of Architecture for Nantucket". He mentioned the various factors, such as surroundings, climate, and time, that influence the architecture of a place.

The effects of climate are shown in the severe styles of northern New England where much snow makes wings and overhanging eaves impractical. Farther south there are found more porches and wings and, in Louisiana, there are balconies and verandahs entirely around the houses. He pointed out the difference between Nantucket and Bermuda caused by winds which reach a maximum of 50 or 60 miles an hour here, while they sometimes reach 135 miles an hour in Bermuda.

Mr. Hill continued by discussing the building materials used here in the early days, the flimsiness of the first houses, the custom here of moving houses bodily, and other interesting points. Some of the particular characteristics of Nantucket architecture are the central chimneys, the gracefully proportioned fireplaces, the charming doorways, the walks, and the lack of dormers. He mentioned examples of some of the finer houses on Nantucket and also of some others which he wished had never been built.

In concluding, Mr. Hill emphasized the great desirability of having a building department for the town of Nantucket to help prevent the construction of atrocities which are disturbing to all who see them. He suggested having a committee of a contractor, and architect, and a layman which would attempt by moral influence rather than rigid laws, to preserve the architectural charm of Nantucket.

With the announcements by the secretary, Henry Swain, the meeting was closed.

August 15

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The meeting of the Nantucket Neighbors next Tuesday evening, August 18th, will be held in the Unitarian Church at eight o'clock. The Neighbors will be particularly fortunate at that time in being able to see some of Harry Turner's slides of old Nantucket. Mr. Turner will be present to explain them and answer any questions from the audience.

Mrs. C. H. Walling will give a monologue, "Behind the Ticket Window", based on the amusing situations and personalities which she has run across as the ticket agent here at Nantucket. The Summer Season String Quartet will play on this program also. The members of the quartet are Miss Arlie Furman, Miss Edwina Stanton Babcock, W. G. Pollock and Mrs. Nina Parke Stillwell. In addition, Henry G. Swain, baritone, will sing.

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On Sunday, Aug. 16, there will be a Neighbors' clam bake at Pocomo. The charge of \$2.50 each will include the boat ride to Pocomo in addition to the feast. It will be necessary to make reservations at the Civic League Headquarters, telephone 1130, by Friday night or early Saturday morning at the latest.

There will be sailing parties on Saturday and Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Sign up well in advance at the headquarters if you want to be sure of going.

The Nantucket Island Singers are preparing now for their concert on August 28th. Rehearsals are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 7.30 in the Unitarian Church. New singers are still welcome.

Last Thursday's nature walk had to be omitted because the staff of the Maria Mitchell Association was very busy preparing for their Annual Wild Flower Show on August 17th. On next Thursday, August 20th, however, there will be another walk conducted by Miss Grace Wyatt. Meet as usual at three o'clock at the Maria Mitchell Library on Vestal street, with your car, if you have one.

The Sketch Club conducted by Miss M. L. McComb, is being well attended. The group starts from the League Headquarters at 9 o'clock Tuesday mornings and 2 o'clock Friday afternoons. It is open to all.

## **NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS**

Under the Auspices of the Nantucket Civic League

**TUESDAY, August 18th in the UNITARIAN CHURCH**

**STEREOPTICON SLIDES of Old Nantucket**

**The Summer Season String Quartet**

**MRS. C. H. WALLING, Monologue**  
**"Behind the Ticket Window"**

**HENRY G. SWAIN, baritone**

Free to All.

Eight O'Clock p. m.

*August 15*

### **Nantucket Island Singers in Annual Concert.**

The Nantucket Island Singers, the group which presented such an enjoyable entertainment last season, will hold their second annual concert on Friday evening, August 28th, in the Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Nantucket Civic League and the Nantucket Neighbors.

Roy Williams Steele will again direct the Singers and among those participating in the program will be Norman Secon, well-known concert pianist; Miss Arlie Furman, violinist, who so charmed her audience at the meeting of the Neighbors last Tuesday evening; Anita Wick, soprano; and Stewart Davis, baritone. Alice King, a member of the summer colony, who has been instrumental in organizing the group, will also assist in the entertainment.

Mrs. Marion Folger will sing with the club in "The Sakura Song", together with Elizabeth Lachmann, whose operatic voice will find a fitting place in Schubert's "Great is Jehovah."

Mrs. Clifford Ewart will be the accompanist.

Tickets may be obtained at the Civic League headquarters, at Miss Stevens', and will also be sold by members of the club.

*August 22*

*August 15*

## "Scenes of Old Nantucket" Gave Neighbors Pleasant Evening.

The unique "Nantucket Neighbors" never had a more truly "Nantucket Night" than their weekly meeting of this week, when Harry B. Turner showed a goodly number of his stereopticon views of "Old Nantucket", with brief and pertinent comments on each of the collection.

The event took place at the Unitarian Church, and to say that this large structure was filled would be putting it mildly, for the church was crammed with spectators, who occupied every available pew, took up all the lawful space in the gallery, jammed in the doorways and outer hall, and stood up in the aisles. Besides these, over 200 disappointed people were turned away, due to lack of standing room.

Mr. Turner has become a familiar figure in Nantucket, and is known by both islanders and summer islanders as a man closely connected with the steady progress of Nantucket as a summer resort. Many of the innovations and improvements which have proven valuable aids in the island's growth have been the result of his energy and foresight, and as editor of *The Inquirer and Mirror* he has always furthered the best interests of Nantucket.

Nevertheless, he has made but few appearances in public. William L. Mather, the Civic League's President, who introduced Mr. Turner, called him the island's foremost historian. The title is deserved. Not only is his memory an encyclopedia of our local history, but his private collection is second only to that of the Historical Association.

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The evening's entertainment got under way with a monologue by Mrs. Georgie L. Walling, "At the Ticket Window." Mrs. Walling, whose business it has been to serve in such a capacity at Steamboat Wharf, gave her listeners a clever characterization of the types of people who purchase the pasteboards that serve as passports from this island to America. She gave not only an amusing series of life-like sketches but made them most authentic. It proved a fine start to satisfying evening.

A delightful surprise came next. The "Summer Season String Quartet" came forward to play two movements from a quartet by Joseph Haydn. The numbers were enthusiastically received by an audience who recognized the skillful and melodious renditions.

The musicians composing the string quartet were: Arlie Furman, first violin; Edwina Stanton Babcock, second violin; W. G. Pollak, viola; Mrs. Nina Parke Stilwell, violincello.

Henry G. Swain, young secretary of the "Neighbors," then sang two baritone solos, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. S. Leo Thurston. His first selection was "The Two Grenadiers," and the encore "Come to the Fair." Mr. Swain was warmly applauded for his excellent singing.

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When Editor Turner was introduced as a newspaper man who had spent more than forty years in the business, there were many of his acquaintances who were surprised to learn that his career embraced such a long period. For nearly thirty years he has been at the helm of *The Inquirer and Mirror*, the old whaling sheet that boasts the "largest newspaper page in America."

He had chosen as his "Nantucket Scenes" a selected group from his collection which contains over 800 slides. Beginning with an etching de-

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picting the departure of that first island settler, Thomas Macy, from Salisbury in 1659, he showed next a number of views of old "North Shore," some of them taken in the 1860's and others during Mr. Turner's own boyhood in this vicinity.

Then followed a succession of forgotten scenes: Centre street in the early '70s; Brant Point, when only the lighthouse was standing there; South Water street, when the tide ebbed and flowed through sluiceways where the Red Men's Hall now is standing; Main street, as it looked before the fire of '46, and as the young elms were lifting leafy branches above the "temporary structures" on the south side that were new in the '50s.

Orange street hill, with its cobbles, made a picture that was full of pleasant contrasts for contemplation. How many recognized Union street and the high buggy on its rough old pavement? And who was there in the throng who could recall the stores on Pleasant street?

Views from the South Tower and North Church lookout gave fleeting glimpses of how the town looked in the 1880's. The "Obed Bunker House" on Fair Street; "Uncle Ben Gardner" store on Centre street and the fine old white house at the foot of Gay street showed structures that have long since been destroyed.

It was good to see Pearl street as it looked as "India Street," with the high board fences insuring privacy to the neighborly families, although it must be admitted the concave pavement of that day cannot compare with the modern surface. Mid-Federal street presented an unusual sight, as the grass nearly met on the east and west sides, near the Atheneum. The view of the corner of Beach street and Steamboat wharf caused exclamations of astonishment from those who tried to visualize the present tennis courts' location from the scene.

The photograph of the last whale that was cut up in Nantucket harbor, in the 1870's, showed a blanket-piece being hoisted up alongside the whaling schooner *Abbie Bradford*, with the schooner heeling over under the strain. Schools of blackfish that came ashore at Cliff Beach (the last time in 1918) gave some of the "younger folks" a chance to reminisce, as did views of the 'Sconset Limited—that now famous narrow-gauge railroad which connected 'Sconset and "town."

There were many chuckles at the sight of the hoop-skirts worn by the ladies young and old in the pictures of the last century. And the lads with their high hats received their share of close attention.

Among the priceless pictures of the past that were thrown on the screen were that fine portrait of Captain Charles Grant, the island's famous whaler; "Billy" Clark, the town crier of not so long ago; Allen Smith, going to his work with tall silk hat and bosom shirt correctly worn; the "open-air" fish market kept by Edward Hussey, in front of the Methodist Church; the 'Sconset Pump of the '80s; and Sankaty Head Lighthouse as it looked in 1851, with the original low, brick dwelling and high ventilator on the tower.

Only two of his pictures of shipwrecks were shown—those of the ill-fated schooner *Warren Sawyer* and the bark *W. F. Marshall*, both on the beach at South Shore. But these gave indication of the power of the surf, and hinted at the stories which the island's shoals and beaches can reveal in relation to shipwrecks.

A Nantucket High School class in front of the Academy Hill School was the object of considerable attention as Mr. Turner pointed out Charles C. Chadwick of Monomoy, Fred Ayers, George Rule and others. In the doorway, behind the scholars, was the Principal William J. Long, and his assistant, Miss Annie Bodfish.

The oldest man present whose face appeared on the screen was Moses Joy, the man who first introduced a water-works system into Nantucket. Mr. Joy, who is now 83 years of age, was a pioneer in this field of industry.

Views of old 'Sconset, when cows roamed at will through the streets, fish chowder was the village pride and the dory-fishermen held sway, gave the 'Sconseters present something to talk about. Pictures of the south gully and Post Office Square, of Broadway and Pump Square, and of Codfish Park when it was a grassy slope and part of 'Sconset bank, were among the most interesting.

Captain "Billy" Baxter, that renowned pilot of the village stage—the "Swiftsure"—brought a smile of recollection to many of the older folk, and the appearance of "Billy" Bowen in front of the "Sea Shell" caused a quick laugh.

When a fine photographic study of the late Dr. Grouard was flashed before the audience a noticeable murmur was heard. The memory of this beloved physician is still fresh in the hearts of his many friends.

The majority of the slides were made from old photographs taken by Josiah Freeman and others, many of which would have been lost forever but for the efforts of Mr. Turner. He described each one briefly, his comments ranging from personal observation to bits of historical facts. The story surrounding each and every view is at his tongue's-end, and he was able to comment at length on only a few, owing to the number of slides presented.

Perhaps, at some future meeting of the "Neighbors," Mr. Turner may be persuaded to show some more of his island gems. The fame that they have incurred is indicative of the impression made upon audiences in the past and, if their reception by last Tuesday evening's audience is any criterion, they occupy a still more enviable position in this so-called modern age.

—E. A. S.

August 22

# NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

Under the Auspices of the Nantucket Civic League

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th**

North Vestry of the Congregational Church

REV. WILLIAM P. ROBERTS--"China"

WILLIAM BLAIR--"The Nantucket Fire Department"

Sea Cliff Inn Orchestra      Ellen Ramsdell, Contralto

Free to All.

Eight O'Clock p. m.

August 22

## SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT METHODIST CHURCH FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th at 8:15 P. M.

The Nantucket Civic League presents for the  
benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors

### *The Nantucket Island Singers*

Roy Williams Steele  
Conductor

Mrs. Clifford B. Ewart  
Accompanist

assisted by

Arlie Furman, Violinist  
Marion Folger, Soprano

Alice King, Contralto  
Elizabeth Lachmann, soprano

NORMAN SECON, Concert Pianist

ANITA WICK, Soprano and STEWART DAVIS, Baritone

Tickets \$1.00.      Reserved seats \$1.50.

On sale at the Civic League Headquarters, 65 Main St.

If you have enjoyed the programs of the Nantucket Neighbors, the  
Civic League will appreciate your support of this concert.

August 22

The Nantucket Civic League  
presents the

### NANTUCKET ISLAND SINGERS

with assisting artists

For the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors  
Methodist Church      Friday, Aug. 28th

\$1.50      Reserved Seat      8:15 P. M.

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### NANTUCKET ISLAND SINGERS

with assisting artists

For the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors  
Methodist Church      Friday, Aug. 28th  
\$1.00      General Admission      8:15 P. M.

NANTUCKET CIVIC LEAGUE  
NANTUCKET ISLAND  
MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. W. L. Mather, President, and Colonel Louis J. Praeger, President Emeritus of the Nantucket Civic League, request Mrs. ----- to act as a patroness for the concert to be given on the evening of Friday, August twenty-eighth for the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors.

The program, which will be given in the auditorium of the Methodist Church, will present the Nantucket Island Singers in their second annual concert, conducted by Roy Williams Steele with Mrs. Clifford B. Ewart, accompanist. With the chorus will be heard Arlie Furman, violinist; Alice King, contralto; Marion Folger, soprano; and Elizabeth Lachmann, soprano.

Assisting artists on the program will be

NORMAN SECON, concert pianist,

ANITA WICK, soprano and STEWART DAVIS, baritone.

A limited number of seats in the reserved section may be had for \$1.50; general admission is \$1.00.

If you will graciously accept, please write to the Nantucket Civic League at its headquarters, 65 Main Street, or call Nantucket 1130 on or before Thursday, August twentieth.

August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

## "The Neighbors"

The final Tuesday evening meeting of the "Nantucket Neighbors" for this season was held this week in the North Vestry of the Congregational Church. An unusually appreciative audience filled the hall to capacity. In the absence of W. L. Mather, president of the Civic League, the meeting was presided over by Dr. Charles Congdon, a vice-president of the organization.

The program was opened with a selection by the Sea Cliff Inn orchestra of five pieces, under the leadership of C. James Murphy. They played "Hungarian Leistspiel" by Keler-Bela and, as an encore, "Meditation" by Drumm.

In introducing the speaker who followed, Dr. Congdon explained that William Blair, Chief of the Nantucket Fire Department, who was to have spoken, had very kindly stepped aside in order to allow Sally Benson to address the Neighbors. Mrs. Benson writes for "The New Yorker" and has recently published a book about women, "People are Fascinating", called by "The New Yorker" the wittiest book of the year. Mrs. Benson talked much as she writes—in a whimsical, entertaining way—dwelling on her first impressions of Nantucket.

Next came songs by Miss Ellen Ramsdell, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. E. P. Crocker. Miss Ramsdell sang "I Know a Lovely Garden", "The Answer" and "My Lover is a Fisherman". The audience appealed for an encore and Dr. Congdon said of Miss Ramsdell and Mrs. Crocker: "They are both products of Nantucket and we're pretty proud of them."

The final speaker was the Rev. Wm. P. Roberts, who has been a missionary in China for twenty-two years. He gave a very entertaining and instructive talk about the conditions at present in China.

Mr. Roberts first spoke about the changes there have been in China during the last ten or fifteen years. In the cities is a tendency to destroy the great walls to use the brick for building purposes and to make way for roads and houses. In Nanking, however, public opinion has objected and the wall, twenty miles long and from fifteen to thirty feet wide, has been preserved. It is proposed to make a boulevard on the top of the wall.

Using Nanking as an example, Mr. Roberts described some of the modern conveniences which the Chinese cities now have, such as efficient bus systems, electric lights and dial telephones, fire and police departments. At first the traffic policemen were so inexperienced they caused more accidents than they prevented.

Outside the city walls there are small villages some of which have had their share of modernization. Medical clinics are being established in some places with nurses ready for any call. Agricultural experimentation is being done in an attempt to improve upon the wheat, silk and cotton crops. The old temples have been taken over rather ruthlessly to be turned into schools.

Changes in the family life are also to be noticed. Parents no longer have complete authority and the children have a say now about their own marriages. A man is now allowed to walk with his wife on the street. The manner of dress has changed. Where it used to be that the women wore trousers and men wore gowns, now it is reversed. Chop sticks are still used but less so by the children.

Mr. Robert then turned to the political situation in China. The present comparative unification of the country has been brought about by the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek through his power over the armies and the political factions and his financial ability. If he should die there would be chaos because of the many rival war lords waiting for a chance to get into power.

At present there is no law in China. The government consists of one party formed of a select group which sponsored the last revolution. This party is preparing the nation for a constitutional government and hopes to hold the first national convention of China this fall to pass a constitution.

There are three threats hanging over China today. They are communism, Japanese militarism, and disunity within the nation. Mr. Roberts discussed these briefly. The communists obtained a foothold because some leaders unwisely accepted help from them. The communist armies are now on the periphery of China biding their time. Mr. Roberts predicted that Japan will obtain full control of North China and after two or three years will extend her influence south to the Yangtse River. If the Japanese come south of the Yellow River, the Chinese will fight. The question of disunity is less discouraging. There is considerable movement toward unity now.

"The Nantucket Neighbors" were very fortunate in being able to obtain Mr. Roberts to speak and the audience clearly expressed its appreciation.

At the close of the meeting the attention of those present was called to the concert of the Nantucket Island Singers with added soloists to be given on Friday, August 28, in the Methodist church. The concert was sponsored by the Nantucket Civic League and was for the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors.

**Nantucket Island Singers Hold  
Second Annual Concert.**

The annual concert by "The Nantucket Island Singers," sponsored by the Nantucket Civic League, was to be held in the Methodist Church last (Friday) evening, for the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors. The chorus comprised forty voices, directed by Roy Williams Steele. Mrs. Clifford B. Ewart was the accompanist.

Soloists on the program included the following: Arlie Furman, violinist; Alice King, contralto; Marion Folger, soprano; Elizabeth Lachmann, soprano; Anita Wick, soprano; Stewart Davis, baritone. Miss Wick and Mr. Davis were to be accompanied by Aaron Richmond.

Norman Secon, pianist of the Biarritz Trio, was also on the program.

The chorus included the following:

Anna Bowen, Zetta F. Boyer, Barbara Collins, Jessie Craven, Beulah Fisher, Marion Folger, Katherine Gardner, Nancy Gardner, Barbara Gifford, Lydia Gifford, Gabrielle Griek, Lili Huebscher, Janice Isherwood, Vesta Isherwood, Elizabeth Jenney, Cynthia Jump, Alice King, Elizabeth Lachmann, Ruth Penniman, Clementine Platt, Marie Platt, Ellen Ramsdell, Frances Ramsdell, Delia Robinson, Esther Snow, Edna Mason Steele, Lillian Thurston, Eleanor J. True, Lenore Veo, Elizabeth Walton, Flora Woodman, Florence Worth, Isabel Worth.

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Patronesses for this second appearance of the "Nantucket Island Singers" were as follows:

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Mrs. C. H. Baldwin  
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## Nantucket Civic League

PRESENTS THE

### "NANTUCKET ISLAND SINGERS"

ROY WILLIAMS STEELE, Conductor      MRS. CLIFFORD B. EWART, Accompanist  
ANITA WICK, Soprano      STEWART DAVIS, Baritone  
ARLIE FURMAN, Violinist      NORMAN SECON, Pianist  
MARION FOLGER, Soprano      ELIZABETH LACHMANN, Soprano  
ALICE KING, Contralto  
AARON RICHMOND, Accompanist for Miss Wick and Mr. Davis  
BEULAH FISHER, Organist

FOR BENEFIT OF

### "THE NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS"

METHODIST CHURCH

Friday Evening, August 28th, 1936

8:15 o'clock

## The Nantucket Island Singers

## MEMBERS

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Barbara Collins  
Jessie Craven  
Beulah Fisher  
Marion Folger  
Katherine Gardner  
Nancy Gardner  
Barbara Gifford  
Lydia Gifford  
Gabrielle Griek  
Lili Huebscher  
Janice Isherwood  
Vesta Isherwood  
Elizabeth Jenney  
Cynthia Jump

The Nantucket Civic League wishes to express its thanks to  
Mr. F. L. Smith for the use of the piano.

## THE CIVIC LEAGUE

The Nantucket Civic League aims to foster any enterprise conducive to the civic progress of Nantucket. Its most conspicuous achievements to date are the organization and carrying out, to an amazing degree of success, of the Mosquito Control Campaign and the Nantucket Neighbors.

Membership is recommended to all public-minded people.  
Annual dues \$1.00.

William L. Mather, President,  
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## PROGRAM

## PART I.

# Nantucket Isle Has Unique Organization in "Neighbors"

Sponsored by Civic League, It Plays Important Part in Making Summer Visitors Welcome and Instills in Them Appreciation for Island's Charm

BY MARY McCaughey

THE friendly age-old charm which is the heritage of Nantucket is perhaps best exemplified by the welcoming hand gaily extended to all its visitors. Whether one's stay on the island is for a season, a month, a few weeks or even a day, everyone is invited to enjoy the innumerable diversions afforded by the Nantucket Neighbors.

This unique organization, sponsored by the Nantucket Civic League, was founded in 1932 by the late Rev. Herbert A. Jump of Boston, for many years a summer resident of Nantucket and a member of the Nantucket Civic League. He felt one's stay on the island should be

made as enjoyable as possible and that opportunity should be provided to acquaint visitors with its charm and picturesqueness. Discussing his ideas with Colonel Louis J. Praeger, president of the Nantucket Civic League, the outcome was the Nantucket Neighbors.

## Organization is Unique

The organization is believed to be the only one of its kind. It is non-sectarian, non-commercial and exists solely for the purpose of neighborliness. It has no dues. Operating expenses, which entail a secretary and a small office, are taken care of by a benefit concert given by the Nantucket Civic League.

The programs offered by the Neighbors are open and free to all. Believing that a common interest is a better introduction than mere words, the Nantucket Neighbors affairs offer an opportunity to meet congenial people with kindred interests. Members sign up for whatever activities most interest them. These cover a wide range, including sailing, tennis, poetry, nature study, a sketch club, camera club, hiking, local history, etc.

One evening each week has been set aside for Neighbors' Night. Varied, colorful and interesting are the programs on these occasions.

During its five seasons, many well-known people have contributed their services to the organization, entirely without remuneration. Among them are: Edwina Stanton Babcock, author of "Nantucket Windows;" Neal O'Hara, newspaper columnist; Henry K. Bush-Brown, sculptor; Morris Ernest, member of the New York Banking Commission; Edmund Grasse, blind violinist; George Fawcett, veteran actor; Austin Strong, author and playwright; Anita Zahn and the Duncan Dancers; Margaret Carson Hubbard, lecturer and explorer; the Honorable S. Van B. Nicholas; Dr. Wm. O. Stevens, William F. Macy, direct descendant of Thomas Macy, who landed on Nantucket in 1659, and others.

Growing rapidly, the organization now plays host to over 6000 people each summer. Bulletin boards of future activities are placed in conspicuous positions throughout the town announcing the activities for the current week.

## The Neighbors' Platform

As one member aptly puts it, the platform of the Nantucket Neighbors might almost read:

"I believe Nantucket has been providentially planned and equipped to be a surpassing vacation resort, and pledge myself to do whatever I can to keep it such."

"I believe the quaintness of Nantucket's traditions merits protection from cheap modernism and tawdry commercialism."

"I believe the heritage of sturdy character from the brave years of the whalers, the pious years of the Quakers and the bold years of the navy sailors should be an abiding inspiration and challenge to islander and non-islander alike."

"I believe nature has so largely endowed Nantucket with beauty and remoteness that that charm should be maintained undisturbed for all lovers of the sea, the sky, the moors."

"I believe Nantucket's immunity from the speed of city life should be a possession most thoughtfully to be cherished, and its motto should ever continue to be, 'In simplicity shall be your Strength, Peace and Happiness'."

"I believe Nantucket should build its social life in terms of democracy, friendship and true neighborliness. There must be no unhealthy respect of persons on account of money, birth or social position; but a happy and cordial mingling of winter resident and summer visitor on the basis of worth, ideals and achievement."

"I believe I should offer whatever ability I may possess to serve the happiness of the community, and in a spirit of gratefulness should appreciate in turn whatever my neighbor may contribute."

"I believe it my duty and privilege to proclaim away from Nantucket the lure and wholesomeness which I enjoy while on Nantucket, to the end that congenial-minded folk everywhere may learn the unique character of what Nantucket has in store for them."

*The Providence  
Sunday Journal  
August 30*

### "Neighbors" Concert a Success.

The closing event of the season for the Nantucket Neighbors—the Second Annual Concert of the Nantucket Island Singers—was a fitting climax to a most successful summer. To Roy Williams Steele, the well-known conductor of New York and Connecticut, who had charge of the concert, to the singers themselves and to the generous assisting artists, go much praise and deserving congratulations for the enthusiastic reception given their efforts.

Both the program and the names of the singers have appeared in these columns, so just a word of the work accomplished. The assisting artists covered a wide range of versatility and musical worth, combined with professional excellence of a very high order.

First on the program in order of appearance was Miss Arlie Furman, young violinist. Miss Furman added to the number of admirers and friends she has made with playing of a very high order.

"Sakura Blossom" by the Island Singers featured Marion Folger, soprano, with violin obligato by Miss Furman. Mrs. Folger's voice demonstrated a perfect command of technique and phrasing.

Anita Wick and her husband Stewart Davis graciously offered their services as soloists and in duets. Each sang with a firm knowledge of the numbers offered, and with engaging sincerity and beauty of tone. They responded to the appreciative audience with encores.

Alice King, who has interested herself and others in the organization of Island Singers' concerts, always captivates her audience with her truly beautiful contralto voice, handled in a manner deserving of the applause following her singing.

Norman Secon, pianist of the Biarritz trio, proved himself a real virtuoso, possessing all those qualities which go to make up the sensitive concert artist—temperament, with an abundant technique and a thorough training, all blended to make him a pianist of fine artistry.

Elizabeth Lachman, soprano, who appeared in the final number "Die Allmacht" by Schubert, disclosed a beauty of tone, vocal opulence, professional style and bearing achieved only through training and experience. This proved a splendid climax to the concert.

In closing, a word is due Mrs. Clifford Ewart, who so efficiently and with unerring musical judgment and taste acted as the accompanist for the choral singing, and to Aaron Richmond, who so skillfully accompanied Miss Wick and Mr. Davis.

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### "Neighbors" Planning Season of Community Interest.

The Nantucket Neighbors, again under the sponsorship of the Nantucket Civic League, opens its 1944 season next week. The office, very conveniently located at 5 Centre street, will be open on week-days, from 9 to 11 a. m. The telephone number is 1130.

Every one will be pleased to learn that water trips, not possible last summer, will be resumed this year. Beginning next week, there will be a Fishing Trip each Monday and Friday, and a Sailing Trip on each Wednesday; if the demand warrants it, another Sailing Trip will be conducted on Saturdays.

These trips will leave Yerxa's Boat Shop, on Straight Wharf, at 2 p. m. Captain Yerxa is pretty well fixed for boats this summer, but it is advisable that anyone who wishes to take these trips, register at the Neighbors office. If it is not convenient for you to call at the office in person, or to telephone there, during office hours, registrations for trips may be slipped through the mail slot at the Centre street office.

Next Tuesday, with the Big Bond Show at the Yacht Club, there will be no Neighbors Night, but one will be held each Tuesday evening to follow. By the way, have you bought your Bond, and if so, have you claimed the ticket, or tickets, due you? If you haven't, and you wish to see the show come to the Neighbors office with your Bonds, or with receipt for the same, and get your tickets.

Neighbors Nature walks, under the guidance of Mrs. Grace Wyatt, will start on Thursday, July 13; these trips, to be held each Thursday will leave the Maria Mitchell Library, 2 Vestal street at 3 p. m.

Says "Landinos Were Orderly

### "Nantucket Neighbors."

The Neighbors opened its 1944 season this week with four water trips. The popularity of these trips was certainly proven by the large number of people who enjoyed them this week.

On Mondays and Fridays, throughout the season, scup fishing trips will be held, leaving Yerxa's at 2 p. m. The cost of the trip—\$1.50—includes line and bait.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, Neighbors sailing trips will leave Yerxa's at 2 p. m. This trip, a three-hour sail in a catboat, costs one dollar.

It is essential that all who wish to go on these trips register at the Neighbors office, conveniently located at 5 Centre street. The office will be open from 9 a. m. until 11 a. m. and the telephone number there is 1130. If it is inconvenient for you to call at, or telephone to, the Neighbors office during office hours, registrations may be slipped through the office mail slot at other times.

The first of a series of Neighbors Nature Walks, under the guidance of Miss Grace Wyatt, Director of the Natural Science Department of the Maria Mitchell Association, will leave the Maria Mitchell Library, at 2 Vestal street, at 3.00 p. m. on Thursday, July 13. Everyone is invited to participate in these trips and there is no charge.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday Evening. July 11

AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

“A Third World War?”

*Dr. Pennington Haile*

FREE TO ALL.

EVERYONE WELCOME

## Pennington Haile The First Speaker for Neighbors.

Dr. Pennington Haile, unquestionably one of the most popular speakers that the Neighbors has ever had, will discuss the challenging and extremely vital topic, “A Third World War?” at the first Neighbors Night, to be held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 11, at 8 p. m.

Dr. Haile, a director of a commission studying the organization for peace, and formerly Assistant Director of the League of Nations Association of New York, has a ready grasp of international problems and is an able and brilliant speaker. There will be a question period at the close of Dr. Haile's address.

All are invited and there is no charge for admission.

### Dr. Haile Discussed "A Third World War?" For Neighbors.

"The tides of war are running strongly our way now. We have out-matched the terrible might of our enemy and we have out-matched him in his ideals; but have we out-matched him in our planning? Can we control the evils we have inherited? If not, we face another world war before too many years," declared Dr. Pennington Haile in an address given at the First Neighbors Night of the current season, held Tuesday at the Methodist Church.

Dr. Haile discussed the deep backgrounds, not only responsible for this war, but also only responsible for the First World War. Agreeing that there were other basic underlying causes, he named three basic factors responsible for the situation.

The first of these goes back to the fifteenth century, a period during which the entire world became the domain of a few European nations—armed by science and girded sometimes by faith, but often by greed. A period during which Spain, Portugal, England, France and Holland gained control of the earth; and we became a part of it because the United States is Europe transplanted.

Secondly, the industrial revolution made its contribution. Spain and Portugal were waning. But England, industrializing rapidly, finally had the whole world as a source for raw material and a market for finished goods.

Germany, also highly industrialized, felt left out in the cold and, with a feeling of inferiority. Thwarted in her efforts to become a world power, she fights today with her wishes gnawing at her heart.

Describing nationalism as both good and evil, Dr. Haile named it as the third underlying background of war. He stated that modern nationalism had its beginning in the American and French Revolutions. Developed in certain directions, nationalism gives a feeling of liberty and it has resulted in significant progress in the betterment of mankind; yet, developed as it has been in Germany and Japan, it has resulted in the most evil thing in history—taking the place of religion and creating false ideals of the master races and peoples.

"We live in a world of inherited evils," declared Dr. Haile. "An international organization will not do away with national jealousy and hatred, for you can't do away with nationalism and economic rivalry. The hope is that our generation—purged by the lessons of war and saddened by the loss of our loved ones—will be able to control the operation of these factors. If not, we must bear the consequences."

Dr. Haile enumerated several means that, he believes, will help prevent another world war. Germany must be watched closely for many years to come. We must not become too tender-hearted, as we did before. We must make it impossible for her to store up weapons of war and build up, through propaganda, ideas of war.

Secondly, the earth must be opened up to a more profitable economy, with the United States holding the key to this situation. Dr. Haile believes firmly that, as we lift the barriers of trade, our prosperity will increase.

Thirdly, it must be made impossible for any nation to think it can conquer the world. Force, if necessary, must be used to prevent aggression—better that a few die than millions. The production of war tools, except for "medicinal purposes," must be curtailed.

We must solve the absurd dilemma of having either war or unemployment, for only when we have the tremendous waste of a war-time economy have we had work for all. Only through a tremendous increase in the constructive use of the world's goods can this be accomplished; and this is impossible unless the peoples of the earth have increased buying power.

Dr. Haile is much disturbed because we have done so little to prepare for the days of peace. With unmatched power—both military and economic—he believes the Allies should have a Supreme Council of United Nations. He grants that it could do little to function now, but thinks that it would give hope for the future, would give evidence of Allied unity to the Axis, and would provide the foundation for later work.

Dr. Haile, by the way, would not have this Supreme Council composed of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill; although he believes they might well appoint its members. Dr. Haile is also concerned over the lack of courage shown by the gingerly way in which our two great political parties handle the matter of international problems after the war.

A period of questions closed another auspicious opening of Neighbors Nights, and also completed another clear-cut and deeply-significant discussion by Dr. Pennington Haile.

—J. R. B.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Tuesday Evening, July 18

AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

“With the British 8th Army in Africa”

**GILBERT WYER**

*Volunteer Ambulance Corps, American Field Service*

“It’s Your War, Too!” WAC Film

FREE TO ALL. EVERYONE WELCOME

## “With The British Eighth Army In North Africa.”

Gilbert Wyer, Nantucket young man who was with the British Eighth Army from El Alamein to Tunis, will tell some of his experiences in the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the American Field Service, during this famous African campaign, at the Neighbors Night to be held Tuesday, July 18, at 8 p. m. Mr. Wyer spent 22 months with the Eighth Army, going on from Tunis to Tripoli and Italy.

An additional feature will be the short film, “It’s Your War, Too,” to be shown by the Women’s Army Corps. All are invited and there is no charge for admission.

### Nantucket Veteran Tells Story of North African Campaign.

In dramatically simple and realistic language, Volunteer Ambulance Driver Gilbert Wyer told the story of the work of the American Field Service with General Montgomery and the famous British Eighth Army, in the North African campaign, before an enthusiastic audience which more than taxed the capacity of the Unitarian Church, at the Neighbors Night held there last Tuesday evening.

It was not a story of a one-man show, for very seldom was the pronoun "I" used; neither was it told that this young Nantucketer still is bothered by shrapnel wounds received while on duty with Montgomery. It was, instead, a story of the courage and fortitude of a hundred young men, beginning with their departure from New York in a Danish ship in February, 1942, and ending when those of this group who were still alive left the triumphant Eighth Army at Tunis, and worked their way to Tripoli, evacuating wounded.

Although one could always realize the horror of war behind the story, Mr. Wyer spoke little of those horrors of war, the things he "did not care to recall." More was told of the courage and sacrifice of men; and of things of beauty he saw—snatched and stored away in his memory—still standing out from the welter of death and destruction.

The audience learned that volunteers for the Ambulance Corps enlisted for service only in the front lines; and that they, themselves, furnished all of their uniforms and equipment and worked without pay—later they were to receive \$20.00 credit each month for spending money at the canteens.

Leaving New York on a convoy that had one of its ships torpedoed on the way, they went by a long and devious voyage to Capetown, arriving there in two months. Although Mr. Wyer noted that he and his companions were stuffed (eighteen strong) in a cabin that was designed for four, he appeared much more concerned with the fact that the troops were much worse off, below decks.

The Corps had three weeks' training in a camp outside Cairo; here they learned about First Aid, Maintenance, Map Reading and Use of Compass. While there, Mr. Wyer was given charge of one section, with the honorary rank of Sergeant. Their first work was with a South African Casualty Clearing Section, evacuating sick soldiers; but on October 23 they were ordered into the Battle of El-Alamein—described by Mr. Wyer as "some fight."

From El-Alamein to Tunis they had many casualties to care for; a large number of these being Germans, who received exactly the same attention as our own soldiers. The wonders of plasma and the high character of General Montgomery, who took his men into his confidence before each battle, were emphasized.

Leaving shambles of Tobruk, later on, and travelling over a mine-infested desert at night by the stars and compass, they came to Benghazi—an extremely beautiful sight after days and nights of tragedy on the sands. Here everything was green and lovely, the flowers were in full bloom, and farmhouses dotted the landscape. They worked a while out of the hospitals there, but soon went on to Marble Arch, there to suffer the first casualty in their section. Christmas was spent on the Mediterranean with a New Zealand hospital outfit, with whom they were to work for the remainder of the campaign. During such spare time as they could command, the outfit either worked in hospitals or did volunteer burial of the dead.

Shortly after Christmas they entered Tripoli. They found an excellently equipped hospital still staffed by Italian nuns. Here, Winston Churchill paid them a visit. Gabes was next, and then came Sfax, beautifully decked with bright poppies. Extremely hard fighting was encountered in Enfidaville, with heavy casualties from mountain fighting. Here the entire 20th Division of the Eighth Army was wiped out and Mr. Wyer spent Easter helping to bury eighteen soldiers, whose graves were covered deeply with beautiful poppies.

Tunis was next, with fleeing Germans hampered by the Italians who, surrendering, clogged the streets in their efforts to give themselves up. Their job over in Tunis, as far as battle work was concerned, the ambulance corps worked back to Tripoli with wounded to be evacuated, and then went on to Cairo for a well-

Mr. Wyer liked the South Africans and the New Zealanders, stating that "they spoke our language." The British were a little more difficult to understand. He had great praise for the engineering work done in the wake of battle; and he admired the skill of the German aviators.

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Through the efforts and interest of Sgt. Hilda Handler and Sgt. Mary Carlin, Women's Army Corps, a WAC film entitled "It's Your War, Too," was shown by Seaman 2/c Jake Kosh. This film depicted, interestingly and well, the great opportunities for service that the Women's Army Air Corps offers.

Dr. Joseph W. Cochran, President of the Nantucket Civic League, sponsoring agent of the Neighbors, in opening the meeting, spoke briefly of the activities of the League and extended a cordial invitation for all to join.

If attendance and complimentary comments are satisfactory means of judging the success of programs—and they are—our meeting this week was one of outstanding merit. A preponderance of the credit must be accorded Gilbert Wyer, and the Neighbors hereby extend to Mr. Wyer its sincere appreciation and highest admiration. Thanks, also, are due to the others who helped make the program a success, with special note for B. Chester Pease, who made a considerable sacrifice to help the Neighbors this week.

J. R. B.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday Evening, July 25

AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

“The ‘Good Neighbor’ at the Cross Roads”

*Dr. Helen Wieand Cole*

Lecturer, Office of Coordinator on Inter-American Affairs

(Nelson Rockefeller's)

FREE TO ALL. EVERYONE WELCOME

#### Dr. Helen Wieand Cole To Speak at Neighbors' Night.

“The ‘Good Neighbor’ at the Cross Roads,” will be discussed by Dr. Helen Wieand Cole at the Neighbors Night to be held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 25, at 8:00 p. m.

Dr. Cole is one of the Lecturers for the Office of Co-ordinator on Inter-American Affairs (Nelson Rockefeller's), Washington, D. C., and a Director of Women's Activities in Southern Council of International Relations. Dr. Cole is an excellent speaker and she has intimate knowledge of South America, and of the important problem of our relations with our “Southern Neighbors.”

All are invited to hear Dr. Cole at the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening.

## **"Inter-American Relations at the Cross Roads."**

Dr. Helen Wieand Cole, official lecturer of the Office of Coordinator on Inter-American Relations, once more brought the peoples of the South American republics to our doors, with a wealth of new material which engaged the rapt attention of the Neighbors at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening.

Against the background of her personal experience on the Good Neighbor-Tour sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs of North America, Dr. Cole painted a picture darkened by suspicion, hostility and intrigue. The inferiority complex still operates strongly against the so-called "Colossus of the North," despite the good intentions of this country, often neutralized by our arrogance, ignorance and diplomatic fumbling.

The speaker illustrated her impressions of North American policy by quoting Emerson. "What you do thunders so loudly in my ears I cannot hear what you say." The visits of certain play-boy movie stars as official emissaries failed to impress favorably a people bred to the intellectual tradition and to social decorum. But far worse has been the retirement of such seasoned men as Sumner Welles from the diplomatic scene. Dr. Cole deplored the recall of our Ambassador to Argentina at this critical time, leaving the Embassy to minor secretaries while movements prejudicial to democratic ideals are in the saddle.

Our failure to impress many leading South Americans with our sincerity and good will was reflected in a remark made to the speaker while on her mission. "If the United States sends down here any more Good Neighbor delegations we are going to declare War."

The tense political situation in revolution-ridden Argentina was skillfully sketched. She is the only non-cooperating country in the Pan-American Union, with a German population of nearly half a million. Argentina has never forgiven us for refusing to buy her beef, on the ground, (alleged by our packers) that her product is infected with the foot and mouth disease. And yet we are feeding it to our boys overseas!

position as Argentina World War II might have taken an entirely different turn.

Chile is in many respects the most enlightened and progressive of the A B C countries, a believer in hemispheric solidarity. Great strides have been made in raising the economic and educational status of the depressed population of the interior, largely through the efforts of a group of devoted women.

Dr. Cole pleaded for more serious attention to Inter-American relations on the part of the thinking public. "Do not skip the news in the papers and the articles in magazines dealing with South America," she urged. Exhibiting a number of journals and pamphlets quite unfamiliar to her hearers the lecturer declared that this was "must" reading for all who discerned the gravity of the situation and realized the absolute necessity a closer understanding and a more honest approach between the people of all the Americas.

The anti-democratic movements to the south of us constituted a very real danger. We may conquer Germany and Japan, and yet have at our very doors a latent and growing Fascism that will wreck all our efforts in behalf of a lasting peace.

At the conclusion of her gripping talk Dr. Cole was greeted with prolonged applause, followed by the asking and answering of questions.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

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UNITARIAN CHURCH

Tuesday, August 1

AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

## “Nantucket, in Color”

Kodachrome Color Slides of Nantucket

**Mr. James Barker**

Organ Prelude, Miss Ada Keigwin

FREE TO ALL. EVERYONE WELCOME

Color Pictures of Nantucket.  
at Next Neighbors Night.

Kodachrome Color Pictures of Nantucket will be shown by James Barker, of the Eagle Wing Studio, at the coming Neighbors Night on Tuesday evening at the Unitarian Church. Mr. Barker's exquisite color pictures of Nantucket have delighted all viewing them. Miss Ada Keigwin will play an organ prelude.

### Color Pictures of Nantucket Shown to the Neighbors.

Once more it was impossible to accommodate the large number of people who wished to see James Barker's grand Kodachrome pictures of Nantucket; more than a hundred had to be turned away because of lack of room in one of the Island's largest meeting-places—the Unitarian Church—where the Neighbors' Night was held last Tuesday evening.

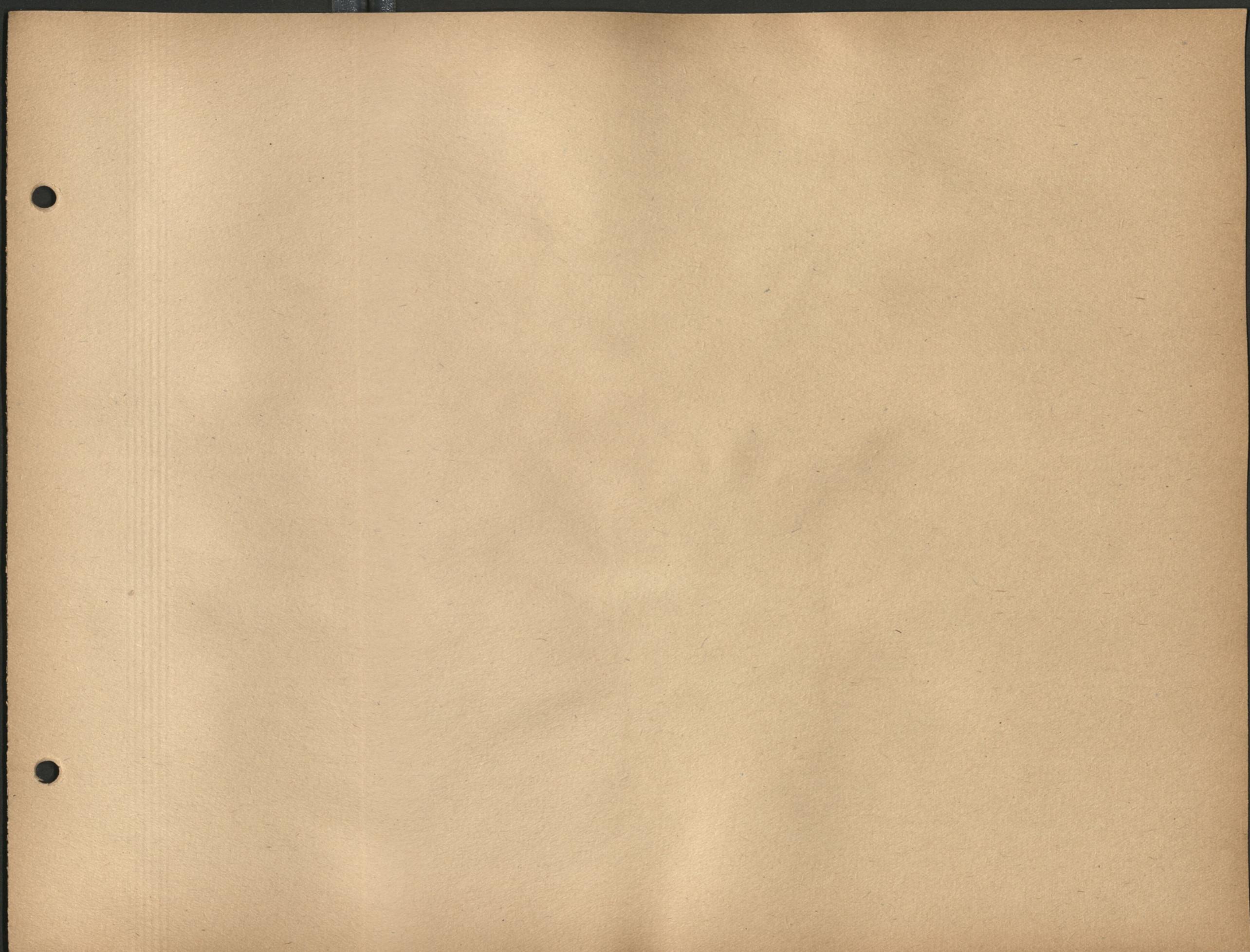
Mr. Barker, proprietor of the Eagle Wing Studio on Union street, showed about 250 of the large collection of color pictures that he has made of Nantucket during fall and summer months. Unable to work on the waterfront—a favorite scene of his work—during the past two years, Mr. Barker has concentrated on the beautiful streets, homes and gardens which have contributed so much to Nantucket's fame. Included, also, were pictures of last year's Neighbors' wharf festival and the Sidewalk Art Show.

Each picture—a gem of glorious color—demonstrated unquestionably a great artistic ability and power of composition; also proven was Mr. Barker's keen knowledge of where and when the most perfect of the Island's beauty is found, and hours of patient waiting was reflected in all. When asked by one of the many enthusiastic members of his audience how he was able to get such wonderful pictures, Mr. Barker replied, "Well, I get up at five o'clock every day."

Interest in the pictures was heightened by Mr. Barker's running comment, as they were being shown by Mrs. Barker. He told many interesting things about the pictures—how he was able to get them and of the subjects' first appeal, etc. He also told many enjoyable stories of Nantucket.

Miss Ada Keigwin, noted animal artist and organist, always willing to help in the Neighbors' efforts to make Nantucket a better place in which to summer, played an organ prelude in her usual delightful skill.

Dr. Joseph Cochran, President of the Civic League, announced that permanent quarters for the League had been arranged on Straight Wharf for next summer. He paid tribute to Mr. Barker as a man and an artist. Again, the Neighbors are grateful to Rev. Willard McKinstry and to B. Chester ease.



# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

BENNETT HALL (beside Congregational Church)

Tuesday, August 8

AT 8.00 O'CLOCK

**“Nantucket Summers”**

Mr. Douglass Burnett

FREE TO ALL. EVERYONE WELCOME

Douglass Burnett Will Speak  
on “Nantucket Summers.”

Douglass Burnett, well-known resident of Nantucket and Baltimore, will speak on “Nantucket Summers,” at the Neighbors Night to be held Bennett Hall on Tuesday, August 8, at 800 p. m.

Mr. Burnett retired several years ago, after many years of active service as an engineer in New York and Baltimore utility businesses. He is a member of the Edison Pioneers. His acquaintance with Nantucket date back to 1877, days when his family summered on the Vineyard. In 1904 his family started to summer here and it has not had a summer since that time, with Mr. Burnett spending as much time on the island as the duties of a busy engineer would permit.

Everyone invited.

### Neighbors Heard Appreciative Discourse on "Nantucket."

Speaking before a capacity audience at Bennett Hall last Tuesday evening, Douglass Burnett related, colorfully and skillfully, many fascinating and little-known facts concerning Nantucket, in a talk for the Neighbors entitled "Nantucket Summers."

"Nantucket Appreciation" might well have been the title of Mr. Burnett's delightful discourse, for certainly no one left Bennett Hall without a better understanding and appreciation of Island natural phenomena; as well as with a deeper realization of the debt we owe to the upright folks of sterling character who made it possible for us to enjoy and gain new strength in the old town they made famous.

A large part of Mr. Burnett's time was devoted to "Pranks of Nature," as he called them, on the island: the movement of the island itself, nine feet to the north, each year; scallops taking their daily swim at Wauwinet; the sun dog of that day and the dry easterly, with a rising barometer; the wonders of the moors and the sands; mirage on the horizon, across the Sound to Chatham; these and many more.

Nothing but the highest praise was accorded the Nantucketers of other days—many of whom the speaker had known. "Good Yankees," he called them, with justifiable pride. A possible derivation of the word "Yankee" was given by Mr. Burnett, one which he believes is true. It seems that Samoset, armed with only a scanty knowledge of English that he had gained in London before 1620, greeted the Pilgrims at Plymouth with what the sachem intended to be "Good morning, English." But, Samoset's "English" sounded like "Yankees," and the name stuck for these pioneers who settled and developed the northeast section of what is now the United States, and then fanned out to carry their ways of life to many other uncharted parts

of the new and old worlds.

Many other revealing facts were told: "Of the lady with the stone face and warm heart," who placed fresh vegetables each morning on the fence that bounded their properties, and who, later, when Mrs. Burnett had passed away, put fresh bouquets of flowers, for Mr. Burnett, on the fence each morning; of Captain Joe Remsen and his house, painted port and starboard (red on one side and green on the other); of Captain Joy, father of Captain B. Whitford Joy and Captain William Joy, and of Mrs. Joy, young widow, who kept a light burning in the window for 48 years, hopeful that her husband, lost at sea, might be guided home by it.

Briefly, Mr. Burnett spoke of the great influence that Nantucket had exerted for the good, within his own family, particularly of the contributions that old Nantucketers and boating about the island had made in the character development of his sons.

It was a pleasant and fruitful night for the Neighbors—one of the high-spots of the season.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

Tuesday, August 15, 8 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

***“Recipe for Optimism”***

WITH MAGICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

**CLARENCE HUBBARD, entertainer**  
**WILLIAM FITZGERALD, soloist**

Short Community Sing.      Free to all.  
EVERYONE WELCOME

## Clarence Hubbard to Entertain The Neighbors.

Clarence Hubbard, insurance man from Hartford, whose hobby is magic, will present "A Recipe for Optimism," with magical illustrations, at the Neighbors' Night to be held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 15, at 8 p. m. Co-featured will be songs by William F. Fitzgerald, who will also lead a short Community Sing.

Mr. Hubbard is unquestionably one of the best speakers in New England, and his talk before the Neighbors, while highly entertaining with its rapid-fire of good stories and clever sleight-of-hand, will also bring a worthwhile message.

Both Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Fitzgerald and their talents are well known to Nantucket folks; so better plan on being there early next Tuesday evening, or you will miss a "big night." Everyone is invited.

### "Neighbors Night" Proved Memorable Occasion.

Last week it was prophesied that the Neighbors Night of August 15, held at the Methodist Church, would be a "big night," since Clarence Hubbard and William Fitzgerald—two great Nantucket boosters with unusual talents—would be there to entertain. It certainly proved to be just that, from the first solos to the end, when the entire audience sang our National anthem so fervently and capably that its glory and majesty must have thrilled folks as far off as the waterfront. And there were no dull moments in between.

People began to enter the church before 7:00 o'clock and before the old bell on Orange street had rung eight times every possible nook and cranny of the church that could be used for seating was packed. After that, several hundred had to be turned away, although some cared enough about what was going on inside to peek in at the windows.

Most of us knew Mr. Fitzgerald had done wonders in organizing and directing the singing on Main street; we also knew that he could sing; but only after we heard his solos—"Just For Tonight" and "In a Monastery Garden," each beautiful in themselves—did we realize how effective a singer he can be; and while handing out the orchids let us give one to Mrs. Beulah Orpin, who without practice did a most capable job accompanying on the organ a singer that she met for the first time within the minute that she began playing the songs he sang.

Clarence Hubbard once more lived up to his reputation of being one of the very best entertainers and orators of that small but mighty state of Connecticut. After about fifteen minutes of one good story after another delivered and timed with uncanny skill, and built around a central theme of optimism, Mr. Hubbard delivered a timely message. He stressed the present-day need of a higher and better spiritual understanding and faith; and he affirmed his belief in the great destiny of these United States, but he cautioned that only when each of us assumes his full responsibility will that destiny be realized.

Tribute was paid by Mr. Hubbard to the earnest and courageous men and women who settled New England, gaining strength as they over-came serious natural obstacles and later expanding all over the New World and developing it. Nantucket, too, came in for its share of warm praise. Mr. Hubbard's analysis of the symbolism he had noted in our twenty-five cent pieces was most interesting.

Mr. Hubbard concluded his presentation with a variety of sleight-of-hand and other magic much to the delight and mystery of old and young. His magic, however, differs from that of most performers of this popular art, with each "trick" built around, and illustrating some lesson or worthy thought.

Community singing directed by Mr. Fitzgerald and to the accompaniment of Herbie and his accordion, close one of the most delightful of the Neighbors evenings. Our sincere appreciation goes not only to Messrs. Hubbard and Fitzgerald, to "Herbie" and Mrs. Beulah Orpin, but also to William Hall, whose services mean so much when we meet at the Methodist

church.

—J. R. B.

**"Bill" Cunningham To Speak  
For Civic League.**

The Nantucket Civic League will present Bill Cunningham, outstanding columnist, in a talk entitled, "Let's Go, America!" at the Unitarian church on Thursday, August 24, at 8 p. m. There will also be a musical program of merit.

The weekly "buckets" have never been sufficient to cover the expense of the Neighbors. In the past, the proceeds from the Annual Waterfront Festival, have, to a large extent, been used to make up the deficit in the Neighbors account. This summer, when it was found that it would be impossible to have a Festival that would compare at all favorably with those of other years, the Civic League, very reluctantly, decided not to hold one.

As a reward to old members, and as an inducement for other folks to become better acquainted with the work of the Civic League through membership, new members, and old members in good standing, may obtain tickets for Mr. Cunningham's talk by paying a quarter to cover the Federal Tax. It costs only a dollar to join the League.

However, the number of tickets must necessarily be limited and it will be strictly a case of "first come, first served." If you are a member of the Civic League, or wish to become a new member, you must act early in order to get a ticket for a quarter.

Tickets, and memberships in the League, may be obtained at the Civic League-Neighbors office at 5 Centre street, from 9 to 11 a. m., on Monday through Thursday. Tickets will also be on sale on Main street from 9 to 11 a. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m., on the above days. In Sconset, tickets may be secured at the Casino.

Summing up, next Thursday you will have an opportunity to hear Bill Cunningham, a two-fisted columnist, who speaks just as courageously and effectively as he writes; and who, in spite of a recent accident and a need and desire for rest while writing and vacationing here, cares enough about Nantucket to help a good cause. You will also have the opportunity to help two organizations that exist only to make Nantucket a better place, summer and winter. Lastly, you can get a mighty good "dividend" by paying a dollar in order to join the Nantucket Civic League. Act early.

# **NEIGHBORS NIGHT**

**Tuesday, August 22, 8 p. m.**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

## **"War-Time Shanghai"**

**BISHOP WILLIAM P. ROBERTS**

**Piano Solos**

**Miss Mary Michna**

**FREE TO ALL**

**Bishop Roberts To Speak  
For "The Neighbors."**

"War-time Shanghai," including his experiences during internment, will be discussed by Bishop William P. Roberts, at the Neighbors' Night to be held Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church at 8:00 o'clock. An added feature will be a group of piano solos by Miss Mary Michna, eminent concert pianist from Hartford and New York city.

Bishop Roberts, who spent his boyhood summers on the Island, has been in China most of the time since 1914, and for the past six years he has been Bishop of Shanghai. After being interned by the Japanese for seven months, he was repatriated on the "Gripsholm" in December.

Everyone is invited.

## **THE NANTUCKET CIVIC LEAGUE**

*presents for the benefit of the "Neighbors"*

## **BILL CUNNINGHAM**

*speaking on*

## **"LET'S GO, AMERICA!"**

**UNITARIAN CHURCH**

**THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 24**

**at 8.00 o'clock      Musical Program.**

**Tickets limited! Cost \$1.20, including tax.**

**To members of the Civic League, 25c.**

## Bishop Roberts Told Neighbors of "War-Time Shanghai."

Again this week the Methodist Church was filled, with the Neighbors meeting there on Tuesday night with Rev. Richard A. Strong as chairman. The Right Reverend William P. Roberts, Bishop of Shanghai, a Christian worker with the Chinese for 30 years, spoke on the topic "War-Time Shanghai." Bishop Roberts gave evidence of two firm beliefs which he holds: first, that life in the internment camp, at least as far as he was concerned, was not quite as bad as we at home pictured it; secondly, that he believed strongly in the future of Shanghai, after the peace is won.

Bishop Roberts presented a background for better understanding of his discussion, by describing the complicated physical and political elements that have made Shanghai the unique city that it is. But in spite of these complications, and the fact that Shanghai is known as "The Crooked City," he described it as a place that "certainly had its good points."

Repercussions of the war between China and Japan were felt soon after it started, with hundreds of thousands of Chinese refugees crowding into the city; the problem of food and shelter all became tremendous. Shanghai's first war casualties occurred on "Bloody Saturday," when Chinese airmen, intent on sinking a Japanese cruiser in the river, mistakenly dropped their loads on several of the city's busiest spots killing thousands.

Before long Japan occupied all of the territory around Shanghai, and imposed all kinds of restrictions and made life rather difficult in Shanghai. Chinese robbers apparently aided and abetted by the Japanese, contributed still more to the discomfort. Bishop and Mrs. Roberts were robbed, the thieves even stealing the rings from Mrs. Roberts' fingers.

Congestion in Shanghai became even greater, with thousands of Jewish refugees from Europe crowding into the city. Bishop Roberts paid tribute to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army for the splendid work done in relief activities.

Shanghai residents realized something was in the wind in 1940 when all American women and children were urged to return to America. The various countries opposed to the Axis began to withdraw their vessels, and most of our Marines were sent away. But Pearl Harbor was as much a surprise in Shanghai as it was in America. On December 8, Jap planes

that promised protection for the inhabitants of the International Settlement, but ordered them to go about their business, as usual.

The Japanese took over the city by degrees, but soon everything was under their control and direction. The American prisoners from Wake were brought to Shanghai but, due to German interference, were not paraded through the streets as the Japanese had planned. No opportunity was ever given for any one to see or communicate in any way with American prisoners and they were kept out of the way and sent to prison camps.

Interment of Americans started after the Japanese had stated that it was being done in reprisal for the internment of Japanese in this country. The internees were allowed to take two trunks, a bed, bedding and chair. Each gave much thought as what to put in the trunks.

In camp, the group itself took control. They were crowded, with family groups separated. Bishop Roberts, however, complained little about the daily allowance of food—although he had no eggs, milk, sweets and some other foodstuffs that we expect. Nor did the cracked wheat—meant for the refugees—sound appetizing. The internees, of course, lost considerable weight.

The only news was from Japanese sources, colored to suit Japan. Religious services were allowed; classes were started for children.

In determining repatriation, five categories were selected. Certain government officials came first; the aged and the ill came second; thirdly, the women and children; fourthly, those

men whose wives and taken the advice of the State Department and gone home several years before.

September 19, 1943, will always be memorable to Bishop Roberts for he started on his long trip back home on that day. After waiting two hours, crowded and hot, the internees went to Shanghai, thence to a steamer in the river. Then came the long voyage to the Portuguese port where, at last, they boarded the *Gripsholm*.

In closing, Bishop Roberts emphasized his faith in the future of Shanghai. "It has the only real good harbor in China," he said. "It may become again an International Settlement, or it may be turned back to the Chinese. Either way, its future is assured, and its growth will be phenomenal. I believe we should get ready to relinquish our privileges here and go arm in arm with free China."

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a short piano recital by Miss Mary Michna, a pupil of Carl Friedburg. Miss Michna played two numbers, "La Cathedrale Engloutie" by Debussy and the First Movement of a Sonata by Brahms. Unfamiliar with terms used by musical critics, but still able to appreciate good music, this writer can only say that Miss Michna played seemingly well, and that her contribution to the program was highly appreciated.

—J. R. B.

## "Bill" Cunningham Addressed "The Neighbors."

Thursday night's meeting of The Neighbors, held at the Unitarian Church, was the second gathering of the organization within the week—but the church was filled completely by an audience composed chiefly of men, women and young people who had come to hear the well-known "Bill" Cunningham, of the *Boston Herald*.

In introducing the speaker of the evening, Dr. Joseph Cochran, President of the Civic League, referred to him as the "inimitable, irrepressible Bill Cunningham." The description was excellent. Those who have followed the columnist's articles from the early days of his *Boston Post* sports casts to his later articles appearing in the *Herald* have long since become accustomed to his particular style of journalism, and they soon found that he speaks as forcibly as he writes.

At the outset, Mr. Cunningham confessed himself a bit "gun-shy" of public speaking. However, he recounted several humorous experiences which had developed during his various oratorical appearances, and then launched into his theme—which might be summed up as "Protection of the Home Front."

As a veteran of the First World War and as a sports-writer and feature-writer who has been to all parts of the nation, "Bill" Cunningham is well qualified to express opinions as to what is lacking and what is needed on the home-front.

"I'm thinking of those fellows on the war-fronts of the world, fighting this scrap for us," he declared. "From the thousands of letters I receive from them every week, I know they are worried about things here at home. What with John L. Lewis, sit-down strikes and Congressional squabbles you can't blame the boys for feeling a bit skeptical. Yes, they write home to mothers, wives, dads and brothers—and they all say: 'Don't let anything happen back home; keep things just as they are; we want to find everything just as we left it.'

"That's the least we can do for them. And, furthermore, we've got to do it. Civilization cannot hope to survive another world conflict, and, take it from me, this nation is the power for good that must see to it that never again will the world be caught in such a mess."

In his own vigorous style, Mr. Cunningham described the situation in this nation after the First World War—when the boys who had done the fighting returned to certain disillusionment. He tersely traversed the terrible "twenties," and, not without ironic suggestion, went into the launching of the New Deal and its aftermath.

As a sportswriter covering the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, he saw at first hand the extraordinary power of the Nazi movement and the mocking mummery of the Hitler theatricals. It was a shock, but an even greater jolt came when, back in this country, he found the leaders in America's "way of life" unaware and indifferent to the rumblings of the European war machine.

As adept as he is at turning a phrase, the speaker was never in better form than when he described the majority of the "bureaucratic buzzards" roosting down in Washington. His remarks concerning Madame Perkins and Harold Ickes found a responsive note in the crowd.

All in all, Mr. Cunningham carried the ball over for a touchdown inasmuch as he left no doubt as to what he was driving at. In order to keep the home front "just as it is" for the boys coming home, it is up to the voters of the nation to see that every Congressman and Senator (whether State or National) is apprised of the fact that "the home-front is on its toes." The inference was the more pointed because it was so well sharpened—the job of the voters in the coming election—the selection of the right men to fill the halls of Congress.

The speaker was given an ovation as he took his seat.

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The male quartette—"Three Flukes and a Bass"—introduced by Secretary Burgess as "that motley crew"—rendered two groups of songs. "The Rio Grande," "Walking in the Light" and a medley of old favorites were followed by "Stars of the Summer Night," "The Old Ark" and "The Old Mill Stream." Organized by Squire H. C. Barber, who is nationally known for quartette work, the "flukes" were

J. Bowles, a U. P. writer summering (and a fellow-member with Mr. Barber in the University Glee Club of New York), "Gus" Steinberg, who has done solo work in Chicago for many years, and Ed S. of Nantucket. The group had a good time and so did the audience, which, after all, is the best indication of their successful debut.

# NEIGHBORS NIGHT

Tuesday, August 29, 8 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

## "The Presidency: The Job and The Man"

DR. DAVID A. ROBERTSON

*Readings by Eleanor Hollister*

EVERYONE INVITED

### "The Presidency, The Job and The Man"—Will Be Topic.

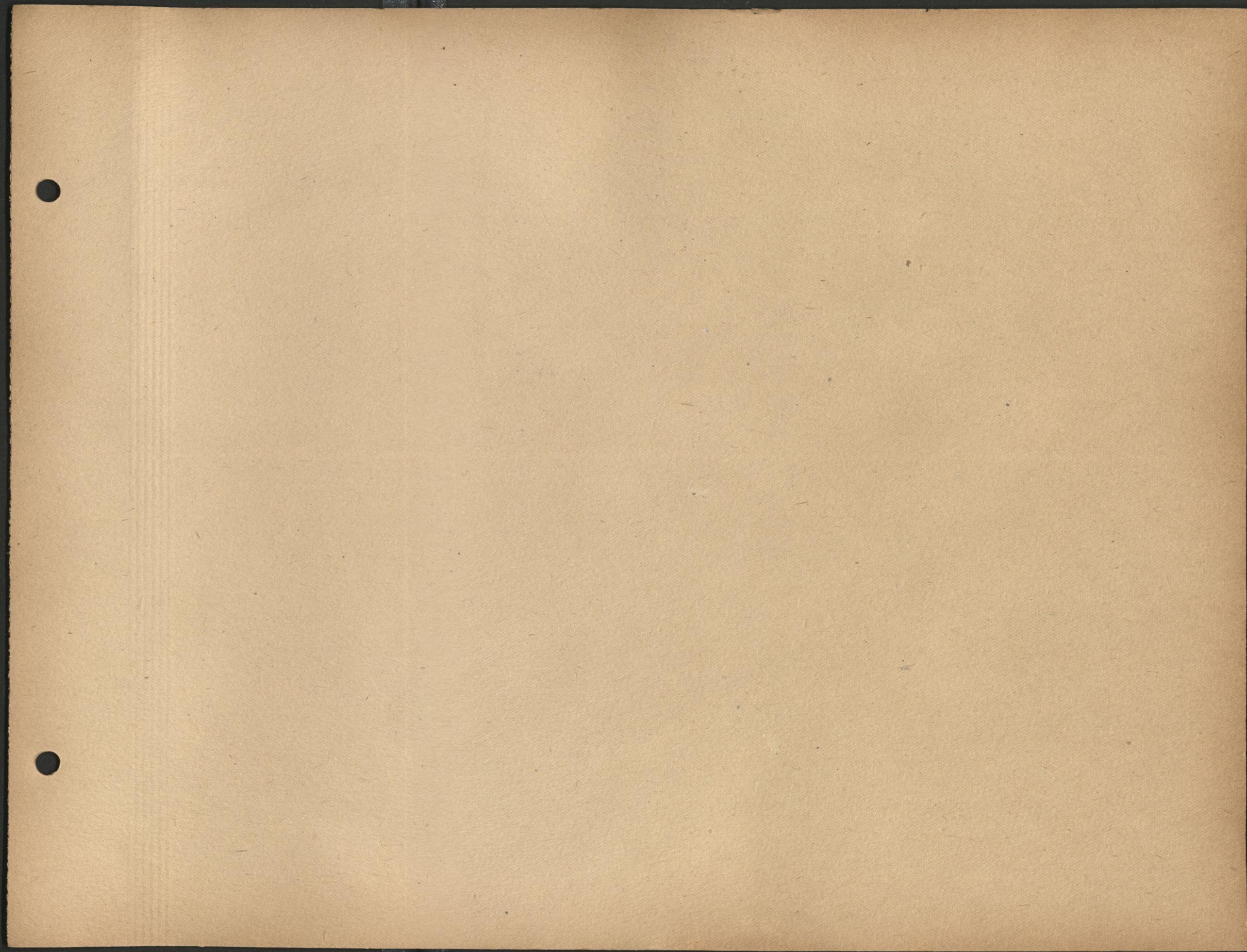
The final Neighbors' Night of the current season, to be held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 29, at 8 p. m., will be of extreme interest and value to every one who will vote next November.

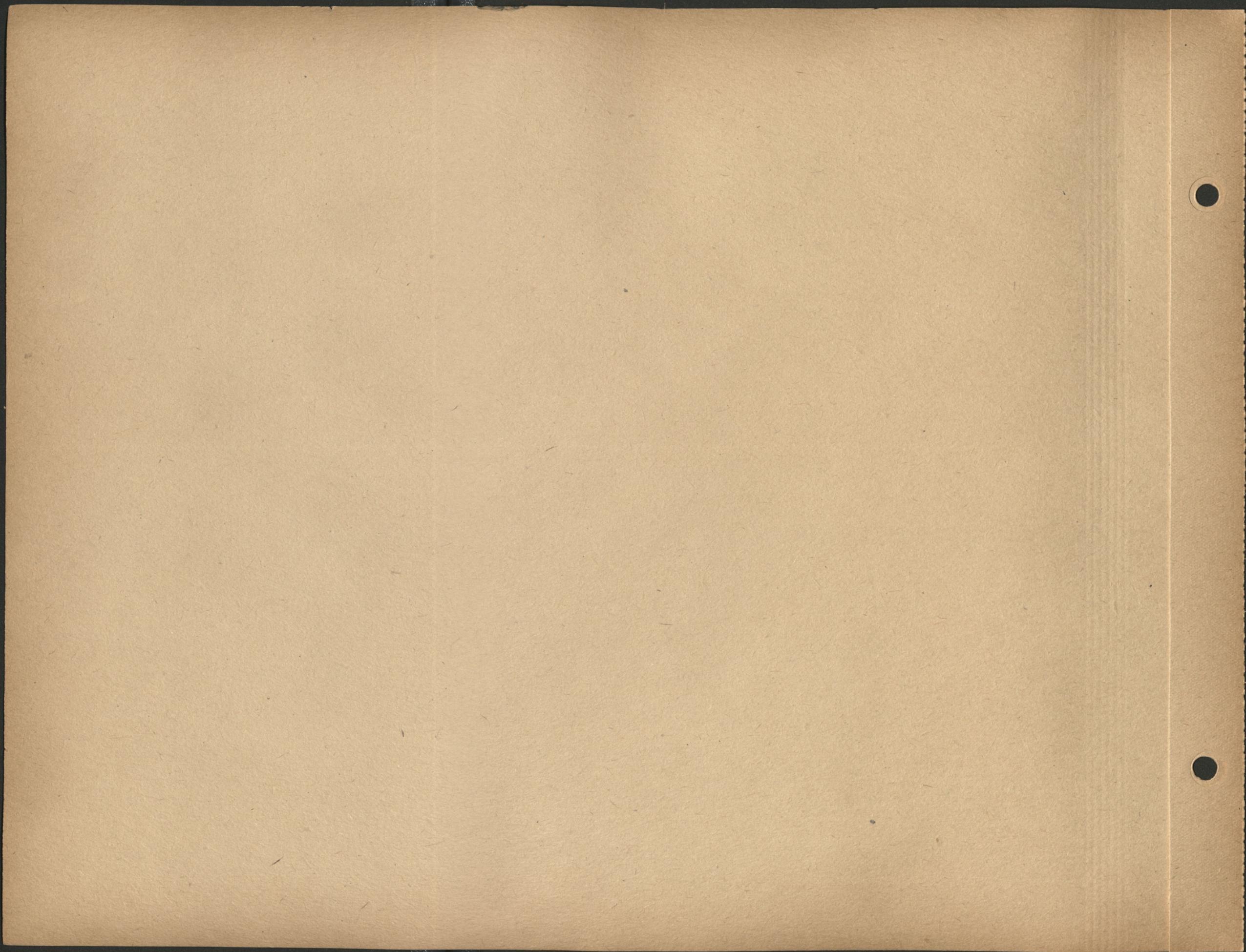
Some time ago, Dr. David A. Robertson, formerly Dean of the College of Arts, Literature and Science, Chicago University, and now President of Goucher College, assisted in a job analysis of the most important position that any one can hold in these United States—that of President. A committee composed of Dr. Robertson and others, while doing job analyses for the government, was challenged with a statement in effect, as following:

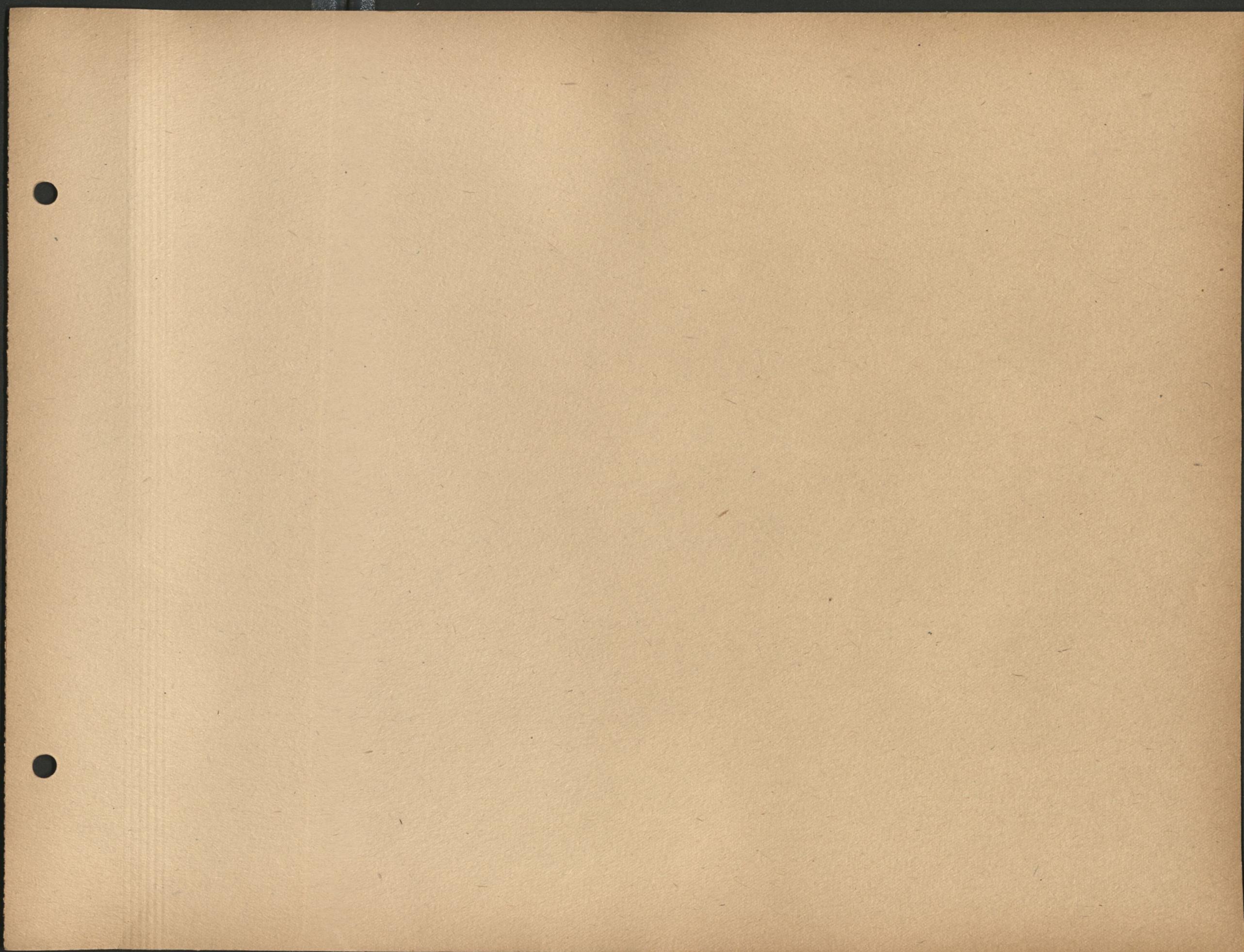
"While it is possible to analyze and tabulate, with reasonable success such jobs as plumber, clerks, and all sorts of others, it is not possible to analyze the job of an executive because of the many intangibles that go with such work."

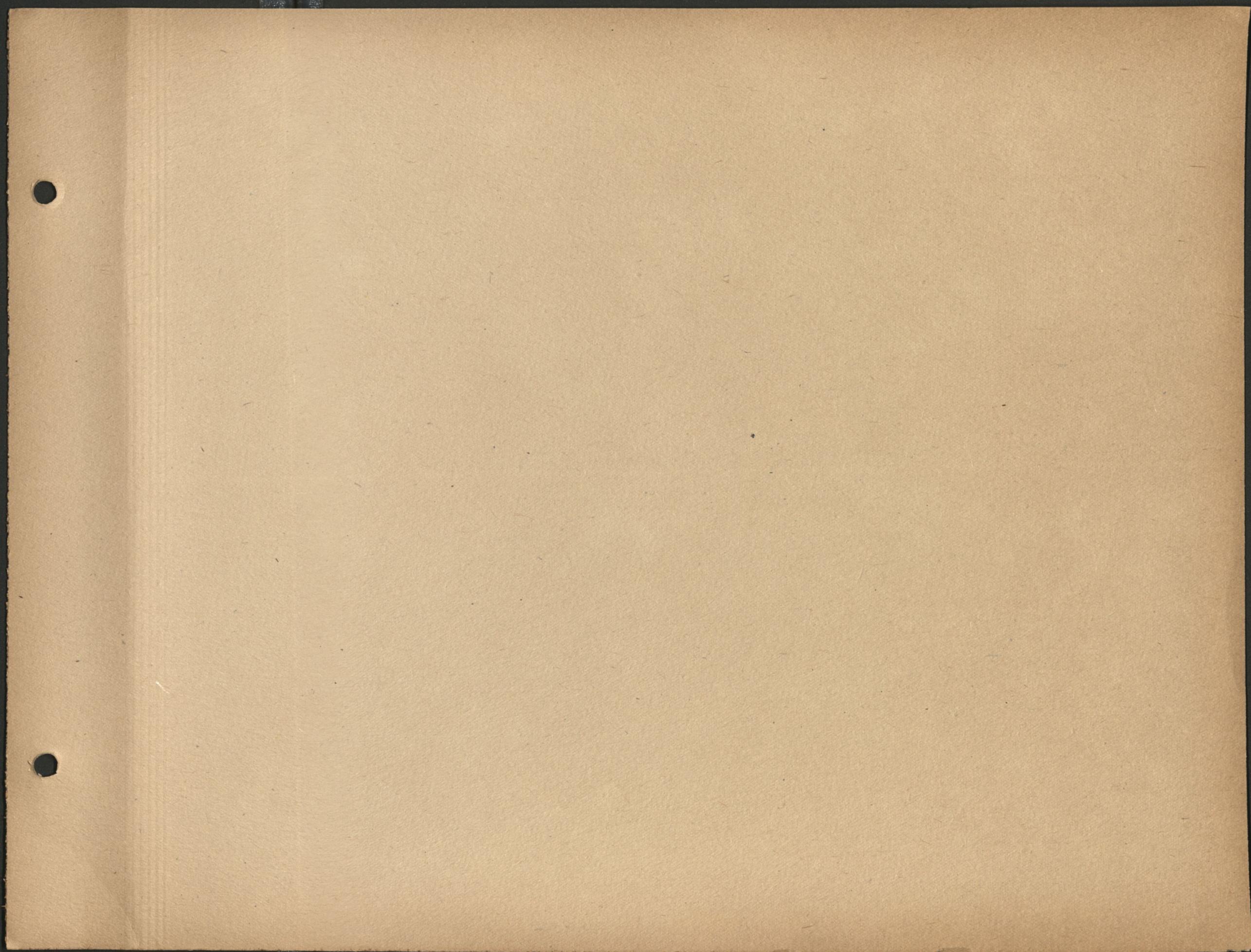
Therefore the committee took up the challenge—really analyzing the job of the most important and comprehensive executive position possible. Dr. Robertson's talk will be based on the findings of the committee; it will not be partisan.

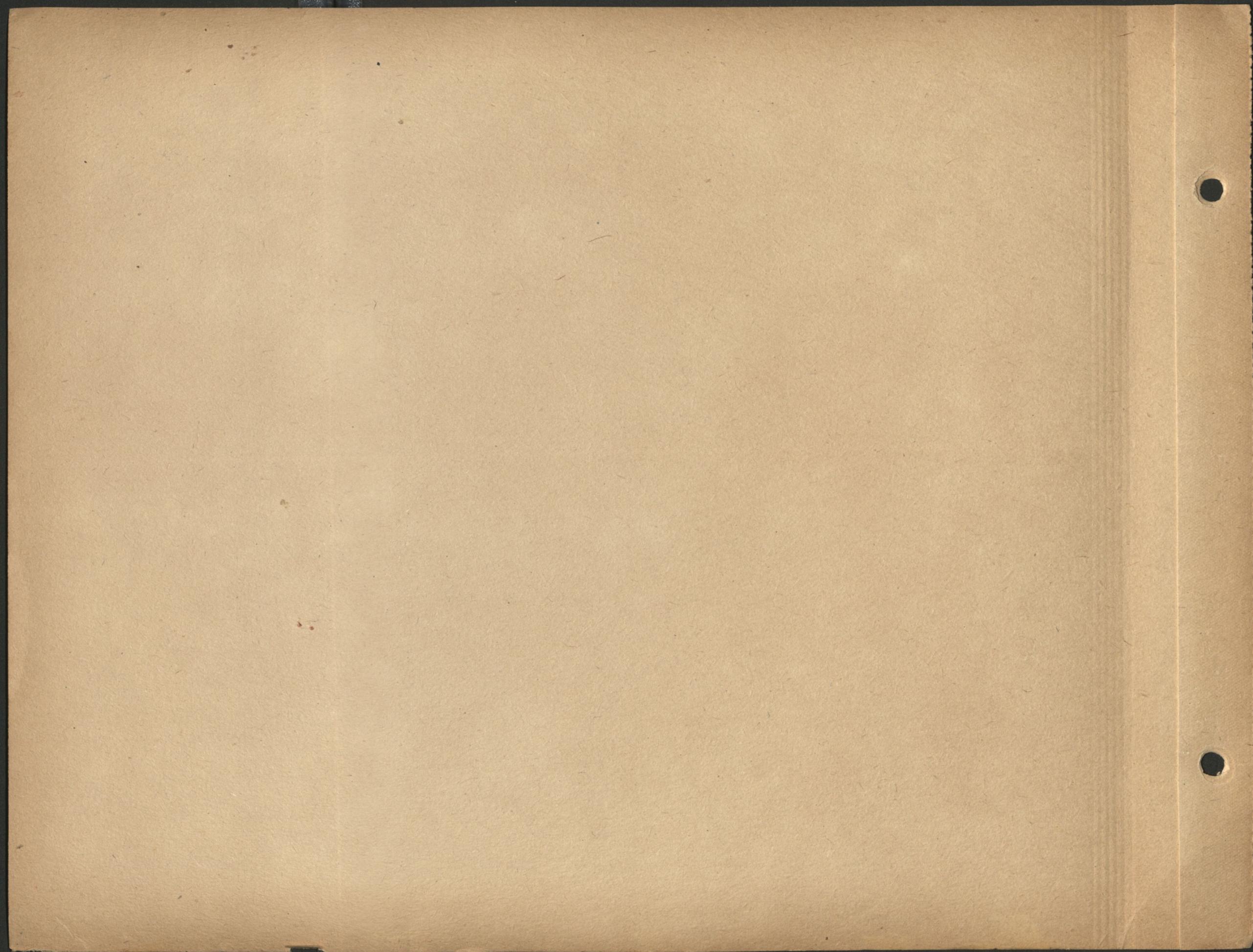
An additional feature at Tuesday night's meeting, will be readings by Eleanor Hollister, poet. Miss Hollister, a student of Joseph Auslander, has lectured widely on poetry, and she has written one book, "Color Bearers." All are invited.











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